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After an intermission of ten minutes, the delegates were called together by the clerk. Elder A.B.Alderman was chosen Moderator, Pro Tem. After reading a portion of scripture, and singing, prayer was offered by James McDaniel.

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On motion, The Constitution and rules of Order were read and adopted unanimously.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Whereas, God's people are commanded to strive together for the faithof the Gospel: and whereas in union there is greater strength and capacityfor assisting in the promotion of Christ's Kingdom on Earth,we, professe disciples of Christ, resolve to unite in an associated capacityon the following Constitution:

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Cedar Creek Baptist Association of N.C.

Article 2. This body shall be composed of delegates chosen be the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates.

Article 3. In the selection of these delegates .The churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

Article 4. The delegates thus selected should bear from their respective churches. a letter certifying h their appointment , and communicating information relative to the state of the church and the interest thereof.

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Article 15. This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two thirds of those present.

Rules of Order
For the
Cedar Creek Baptist Association.

1. At each assembling for the transaction of business the presiding officer(or in his absencethe secretary) shall invite the members to their appropriate places and a chairman protem shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with the reading of Scripture, praise and prayer,either by him or some one on whom he shall impose the duty

2. The presiding officer shall,as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the constitution and ru rules of orderof the Association in the nature ,manner and spirit of the business transacted. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking.

3. The names of the delegates shall be called each day of the Axxxxxxxxxx session, previous to preceding to business, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other which becometh those that reverence God, whose they are and whom they serve. when any member is about to speak in debateor make remarks, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the presiding officer; shall confine himself to the question under consideration , and avoid all personallities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

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11. All questions, except such as relate to the constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. These rules of order,may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association, by a vote of a majority of the delegates present.

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ON MOTION , RESOLVED THAT WE PROCEED TO ELECT OFFICERS.

BRETHREN A. MELVIN AND J. JESSUP WERE APPOINTED T TO SUPERINTEND THE ELECTION OF A MODERATOR.
ELDER A.B.ALDERMAN WAS ELECTED.
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ON MOTION, RESOLVED THAT WE PROCEED TO ORGANIZE UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF ORDER WE HAVE ADOPTED.

ON MOTION, ELDERS JAS. MCDANIEL AND H. MCALPIN WERE APPOINTED A PRESBYTERY TO ORGANIZE THE ASSOCIATION.

ADJOURNED UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING AT HALF-PAST 10 O'CLOCK.
PRAYER BY ELDER WM. BULLARD.

(SEE PAGE 8 FOR CONTINUANCE OF THE MINUTES.
THIS MINUTE WAS COPIED FROM A BOUND VOLUMN IN THE POSSESSION OF MISS VERA MCGOUGAN OF LUMBER BRIDGE. THE VOLUMN CONTAINS THE MINUTES OF THE CEDAR CREEK ASSOCIATION FROM 1858-1871. AND WAS BOUND PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF THE ASSOCIATION IN THE MEETING OF 1870 APPOINTING ELDER J.M.BEASLEY AND D.W.MCGUGAN THE CLERK A S A COMMITTEE. PAGE 3 OF MINUTE OF 1870.
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ROBESON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1949

THE ABOVE PICTURE IS A PHOTOGRAPH OF DANIEL WHITE McGUGAN A LIFE LONG MEMBER OF PROVIDENCE CHURCH (NOW LUMBER BRIDGEO) IN THE ROBESON ASSOCIATION. BROTHER McGUGAN WAS CLERK OF THE CEDAR CREEK ASSOCIATION 1866-75 AND 1879- 1883 A TOTAL OF FIFTEEN YEARS AND FOR THE FIRST TWO YEARS , AFTER ITS ORGANIZATION HE WAS CLERK OF THE ROBESON ASSOCIATION, 1883 AND 1884. HE SEEMS TO HAVE MET WITH AND PRE-PREPARED THE MINUTES FOR BOTH ASSOCIATIONS IN 1883.

THE PICTURE IS A REPRINT FROM AN ORIGINAL SECURED FROM MRS. J.P.DERHAM OF GREEN SEA S.C.

Saturday Morning, Half-past ten O'clock.

Reading a portion of Scripture by the moderator. Prayer by Elder J.H.Cobb.

An invitation was given to visiting brethren to take seats with us. Brethren James. McDaniel, Samuel Mims, Joseph Downing, J.M.Beasley, D.T. Averett, from the Fayetteville church, brother H. McAlpine from the Union Association, presented themselves and were received.

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On motion, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved. The next session of the Association will be held at Ptovidence church, Robeson County, commencing at 10 o'clock on Thursday before the first Sabbath in November, 1859. Elder R. Fisher to preach the introductory sermon, Elder James Cashwell as alternate; Elder Jas. McDaniel to preach the charity sermon, Elder H. McAlpin as alternate.

On motion the Association proceeded to appoint messengers to sister Associations. Appointed Brethren A.B.Alderman, R.Fisher to the Union,- Brother Alderman to write the letter. Brethren J.T.Tolar, Wm.H.Howard, J.H.Cobb to the Cape Fear, - Brother J.T.Tolar to write the letter. Brethren H.J.Lockame, S.D.Jackson, Jas. Cashwell to the Raleigh,- Brother H.J.Lockame to write the letter. Brethren D.W.McGougan, G.E.Cobb, Wm. C.West to the Pee Dee- Brother D.W.McGougan to write the Letter.

Resolved that there be a collection taken up tomorrow to defray the expenses of the Association, any surplus to be applied to domestic missions.

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On motion a majority form a quorum.

Committee on finance report amount in hand $20.00

On motion the report was received, and the amount ordered to be paid the Treasurer.

Association withdrew for half an hour.

Churches and names of delegates	2174 Total Members	Pledged to Missions	Domestic Mission Fund	Association Fund	
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election of Treasurer. Brother A. Mel
On motion, Resolved, That we procee nize under
the Constitution and Rules of Order we have adopted.

On motion, Elders Jas. McDaniel and H. McAlpin were appointed a Presbytery to organize the Association.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at half-past 10 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Wm. Bullard.

SATURDAY MORNING, HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK.

Reading a portion of Scripture by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder J. H. Cobb.

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On motion, a majority form a quorum.

Committee of Finance reported amount in hand $20

On motion, the report was received, and the amount ordered to be paid the Treasurer.

Association withdrew for half an hour.

Association convened.

Ordered that 300 copies of the minutes be printed.

Ordered that the Clerk receive $10 for his services.

Ordered that the funds of the Association be paid into the hands of the Executive Committee.

Appointed Brethren T. W. Devane, J. H. Cobb, a committee to write on Domestic Missions.

Brethren Wm. H. Melvin, A. A. McCaskill, on Temperance.

Brethren R. Fisher, A. Hall, on Foreign Missions.

Brethren Jas. Cashwell, N. H. Jones, Sabbath Schools.

Brethren A. B. Alderman, W. H. Howard, Periodicals.

On motion, Resolved, That a Digest of the state of Religion in the Association be appended to the minutes.

Brother J. M. Beasley offered the following resolution, which was accepted, and ordered to be appended to the minutes:

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Resolved, That we, the Ced
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Minutes of to-day read and approved.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Ass ost respectfully tendered to the neighborhood to ospitality in entertaining this body. Prayer by the Moderator.

SABBATH.

Elder A. B. Alderman addressed the congregation at half-past 10 o'clock, A. M., from Matthew, 16: 18, And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Elder James McDaniel followed immediately after with a discourse from Matthew, 22: 20, 21, And he saith unto them, Whose *is* this image and superscription? They say unto him, Cesar's. Render therefore unto Cesar the things which are Cesar's, and unto God the things that are God's.

A. B. ALDERMAN, Moderator.
ALLAN A McCASKILL, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

Presbytery on Ordination reported through Elder H. McAlpin, chairman, that they had examined Brother Wm. H. Howard, and find him sound in doctrine, and giving satisfaction as to his call to the ministry, do recommend him for ordination.

A Digest of the state of Religion in the Association, as indicated by the Church Letters.

CAPE FEAR—Has had a gracious revival, and is in a very prosperous condition. Elder H. McAlpin is pastor.

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ROCKFISH—Elder P. C. Conoley is pastor.

PINEY GROVE—Elder A. Hall is pastor.

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THE INTRODUCTORY SERMON WAS DELIVERED, ACCORDING TO APPOINTMENT, BY ELDER R. FISHER, FROM HABAKKUK, 3RD CHAPTER 2ND VERSE.

AFTER AN INTERMISSION OF TEN MINUTES, THE ASSOCIATION WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE MODERATOR'S READING A PORTION OF SCRIPTURE, AND THE DIVINE DIRECTION INVOKED BY ELDER H. MCALPIN.

A MAJORITY OF THE CHURCHES BEING REPRESENTED, THE ASSOCIATION PROCEEDED TO BUSINESS.

APPOINTED BROTHER N.H. JONES ASSISTANT CLERK

APPOINTED BRETHREN A. MELVIN AND JOHN MUSSELWHITE A COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

APPOINTED BRETHREN J.H. COBB, G. COBB, D.W. MCGUGAN WM. BRYANT, AND ISAAC MELVIN, A COMMITTEE TO SUPPLY THE STATGE.

AFTER THE READING OF LETTERSAND RECORDING THE NAMES OF DELEGATES, THE OFFICERS WERE ELECTED, VIZ; A.B. ALDERMAN MODERATOR; A.A. MCCASKILL, CLERK; A. MELVIN TREASURER; N.H. JONES ASSISTANT CLERK.

VISITING BRETHREN WERE INVITED TO SEATS WITH US: WHEN BRETHERN H. MCALPIN AND H.J. HOBBS WITH A LETTER FROM THE UNIONASSOCIATION, PRESENTED THEMSELVES AND TOOK SEATS.

AN INVITATION GIVEN TO CHURCHES TO UNITE WITH OUR BODY--WHEN DELEGATES FROM THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES PRESENTED THEIR LETTERS AND WERE RECEIVED.; BLADEN UNION, BEAVER CREEK, KINGSBURY, ZIONS TABERNACLE, CYPRESS CREEK, FAYETTEVILLE, SADDLET TREE.

APPOINTED BRETHREN H. MCALPIN, J.M. BEASLEY, N.H. JONES, AND A.A. MCCASKILL, A COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

THE MALE MEMBERS OF THE PROVIDENCE CHURCH WERE REQUESTED TO ACT AS A VIGILANCE COMMITTEE.

ADJOURNED TO FRIDAY MORNING, 10O'CLOCK . PRAYER BY BROTHER J.M. BEASLEY.

FRIDAY MORNING 10 O'CLOCK

MET PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT.

AFTER SINGING A HYMN , PRAYER WAS OFFERED BY ELDER J. MONROE.

AFTER CALLING THE ROLL PROCEEDED TO BUSINESS.

Minutes of yesterday read , corresponding messengers were called for ,when Brother Jas. Humphrey,from the cape Fear Association; Elder J. Monroe, and Brother D.W.Livingston, from the Pee Bee Association, came forward and were welcomed to seats.

Committee of arrangements reported;report was adopte

Committees appointed last year to write on the follo ing subjects reported; reports received, and their appendige to the Minutes ordered:

Domestic Missions,
Foreign Missions,
Report on Temperance- -Rejected,
Sabbath Schools,
Periodicals.

An invitation given to ministering brethren to take seats with us; when Elders P.C.Conoly and Furney Preva came forward and were welcomes to seats.

Appointed Brethren J.M.Beasley and Jas. Guy a commi tee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer and the finance committee.

Appointed Brethren Jas. McDanieland A.B.Alderman to write on Foreign Missions. Brethern D.T.Averitt, Wm. hollingsworth,Domestic Missions. T.W.Devane , J.A. Rozier, Education. J.M.Beasley, C.D.Nixon,Periodicals. J.T.Tolar, William Murphy, Ministerial Support. J.H. cobb S. Mims, Sabbath Schools.

Association gave a recess of one hour.

Friday Evening, 2 O'clock

The Association resumed business.

Gave the Executive Committee until tomorrow to report.

Appointed BrethrenD.T.Averitt, J.A.Rozier, Wm. strickland to select an Executive Committee.

Agreed to change the 13th Article in the Constitution to readsecond Lord's day in November instead of first.

The next session of the Association will be held at Baptist Chapel, Sampson County, N.C. Commencing at 10 O'Clock on thursday before the second Sabbath in November 1860. Adjourned until tomorrow 10 O'clock

Prayer by Brother S. Mims.

SATURDAY, 10O'CLOCK A.M.

READING A PORTION OF SCRIPTURE BY THE MODERATOR. PRAYER BY ELDER J.H.COBB.

ROOL CALLED: MINUTES OF YESTERDAY READ AND APPROVED; CALLED FOR THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: REPORT READ AND ORDERED TO BE APPENDED TO THE MINUTES.

BRETHREN APPOINTED TO SELECT AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTED, AND ITS APPENDAGE TO THE MINUTES ORDERED.

COMMITTEE TO AUDIT THE REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL COMMITTE REPORTED, AND ITS APPENDAGE TO THE MINUTES ORDERED.

APPOINTED ELDER J.H.COBB TO PREACH THE INTRODUCTORY SERMON AT THE NEXT SESSION. ELDER JAS. CASHWELL AS ALTERNATE.

ELDER JAS. MCDANIEL TO PREACH THE CHARITY SERMON. A.B.ALDERMAN AS ALTERNATE.

MODERATOR APPOINTED BRETHREN T.W.DEVANE AND D.T. AVERITTMESSENGERS TO THE CAPE FEAR ASSOCIATION. BROTHER DEVANE TO WRITE THE LETTER.

BRETHREN J.H.COBB, AND D.W.MCGOUGAN TO WRITE TO THE PEE DEE. BROTHER COBB TO WRITE THE LETTER.

BRETHREN A.B.ALDERMAN, JAS. MCDANEEK, AND WM. MELVINTO THE UNION. BROTHER MCDANIEL TO WRITE THE LETTER.

ON MOTION, THE QUERY FROM BLADEN UNION WAS TAKEN UP: QUERY- HOW SHALL ONE WHO HAS HELD THE POSITION OF A BAPTIST MINISTER, AND BEEN DEPOSED THEREFROM, BE RESTOREDTO THE MINISTRY?

ANSWER- IT IS THE OPINION OF THIS BODY ,IN THE EVENT GOSPEL STEPS WERE TAKEN IN HIS DEPOSITION THAT HE SHOULD GO TO THE CHURCH WHERE HE WAS DEPOSED FOR RECONCILIATION AND RESTORATION; AND WE FURTHER HOLD THAT SAID CHURCH SHALL CALL A COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS FROM SISTER TO SIT IN JUDGMENT ON HIS CASE.

ASSOCIATION WITHDREW FOR ONE-HALF HOUR.

SATURDAY EVENING 2 O'CLOCK

THE ASSOCIATION RESUMED BUSINESS.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED: RESOLVED THAT WE, THE CEDAR CREEK ASSOCIATION, DEPRECATE THE PRACTICE OF DEALING IN SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS, AND ADVISE the several churches composing this body to abandon the use of the same as a beverage altogether.

Ordered, that 600 copiesof the minutes be printed

ordered, that the clerk receive $15 for his service

Brother T.W.Devane offeredt the following resolutio

Which was adopted:

Whereas, there is great need of Baptist Literature in the bounds of our Association. Therefore resolved that we raise a fund amounting to two hundred dollars for the purpose of establishing a depository at Fayetteville, to be called the Baptis Book Depository of the Cedar Creek Association. And that we request our Ministersto act as volunteer Colporteursto sell said books, allowing them the privilege to give such to the poor as they see are i need and unable to buy.

After the passage of the foregoing resolution the following persons subscribed the amount annaxi to their namesas a fund to establish the depositor

Thos. W.Devane	$10.00pd	J.T.Tolar	$ 5.0
J.M.Beasley	10.00"	Matthew Strickland	5.0
Arthur Melvin	10.00"	D.T.Averitt	5.0
M.Mck. Smith	10.00	Wm.H. Melvein	5.0
C.D.Nixon	10.00pd	A.M.Averitt	5.0
D.W.McGougan	10.00"	J.M.Beasley	5.0
J.H.Cobb	10.00"	Jno. A.McGougan	5.0
Jas. Cashwell	10.00"	Gray E. Cobb	5.0
Sam. Mims	10.00	Hector J.McLean	1.0
Jas. Guy	10.00	Wm Tomlinson	10.0
H. McAlpin	5.00pd	Daniel Gee	5.0
P.Taylor	5.00	Wm.S.Fisher	1.0
A.B.Alderman	5.00pd	D.L.Smith	5.0
D.A.Buil	5.00-2"	W.C.West	5.0
Averitt Hall	2.50	A.S.McMillan	5.0
A.A.McCaskill	5.00	D. Johnson	5.0
J.A.Rozier	5.00pd	S.J.Cobb	5.00
Wm Bryant	5.00"	Noah Mercer	3.0
D.T.Hollingsworth	2.00 pd	Reuben Fisher	5.0
Wm. Hollingsworth	1.00"	Thomas McDaniel	6 5.0
R. Mcdaniel	5.00	Total	240.

Appointed Brother J.M.Beasley Treasurer of the depository. Brother P. Taylor, Agent Depository, to be kept kept at Brother P. Taylor's Store, Fayetteville, N.C.

Appointed Brethren Jas. McDaniel, A.B.Alderman and J.M.Beasley, a committee to select such books as they think best to be kept in the depository.

On motion, Resolved that we leave it discretionary with the Committee when they will purchase the books.

On motion, Resolved, That we will become auxiallary to the Baptist State Convention.

The following Brethren were apointed Delegates to the Convention: Jas. McDaniel, Jas Cashwell, R.Fisher, W.C.West, Dr. JohnM. McGougan, T.W.Devane, Chas d. Nixon, J.M.Beasley, A.B.Alderman, S.J.Cobb, J.A.BeamanJas. A.Rozier, D.W.McGougan.

The collection taken up tomorrow to be appropriatedto Domestic Missions.

Resolved, that we cordially invite Elder J.R. Graves of Nashville, Tenn., to attend the next session of this Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and are most respectfully tendered to the members of this Church, and the friends of this vicinity, for their hospitality in intertaining this body during its session.

On Motion, adjourned.

Prayer by Elder H. McAlpin.

A.B.Alderman, Moderator,

Allan A. McCaskill, Clerk.

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666 Sabbath, October 30th

The services were opened by ElderJas. McDaniel, with a discourse founded on First Timothy, 1 Chapter 15th verse.

Elder J.Monroe followedwith a discourse founded on Ruth, Chap., 16th and 17th verses.

Elder A.B.Alderman closed the services.

Collection on Sabbath $48.50.

APPENDIX

Foreign Missions.

Dear Brethren: Your Committee on Foreign Missions submit the following report: Having had but little information from Foreign Missions in the last year, we a not prepared to report as we would wish to, but we know there are thousands of our fellow beings that have never heard of Christthat are perishing for the good word of life, and are worshiping idols. We have missionaries that have left the shores of America and have gone to Burmah, China, Africa, and other placesto point the heathen to the Lamb of Godthat taketh away the sins of the world. They have counted all things but loss to them that they may gain Christ, and is it not our duty to contribute something to their Support to assist them in preaching the Gospelto the heathen? If we do not, will not the blood of the Heathen cry against us? Willit be said of us in the judgment that we have done what we could! Will the Judge of Quick and dead say to us in that day, well done thou good and faithful servant? If they askof bread shall we give them a stone! If they ask a fish shall we give them a serpent?

Respectfully Submitted,
Reubin Fisher, Chairman.

Periodicals.

Dear Brethren: In compliance with your appointment last fall, we present the following on Periodicals.

As light is indispensable in travellingand in busine so is knowledge. In order that we may have our minds illuminedfirst by the pure and evertrue light of Revelat and then by the less lights which may be represented by the stars. We will find that where the true light shin most, there the other lights are brightest. And where no periodicals are read, we find gross darkness has too much the ascendency. Where the people do not take nor read some good religious newspapers, they are a long way behind the times. They can hardly converseintelligently on any of the passing events- they know but litt about our denomination and religious matters in general

THEY KNOW BUT LITTLE WHAT THE SOCIETIES OF THE WORLD ARE DOING. HOW CAN THEY WITHOUT THE RELIGIOUS PAPERS? THE MIND MUST AND WILL CONTINUALLY FEED ON SOMETHING AND IF IT DOES NOT GET WHOLESOME FOOD IT WILL BECOME POISONED WITH UNWHOLESOME; THEREFORE WE OUGHT TO BE CAREFULTO RESD THE BIBLE FIRST OF ALL, AND THEN READ SOME WELL CONDUCTED PERIODICALS. WE WOULD THEREFORE RECOMMENDMOST HEARTILY THE BIBLICAL RECORDER, EDITED BY ELDER J.J.JAMES, IN RALEIGH N.C. THE RECORDER IS A WEEKLY , AND IS OUR STATE ORGAN, AND WELL WORTHY OF OUR PERUSAL. IT WILL KEEP US POSTEDUP ON ALL IMPORTANT MATTERS, AND COSTS ONLY $2PER YEAR IN ADVANCE IN ALL GASES. WE ALSO RECOMMENDTHE TENNESSEEBAPTIST EDITEDBY ELDERS GRAVES, DAYTON, AND PENDLETON, IN NASHVILLE,TENN. THIS IS A WEEKLY PAPER, AND THE MOST THOROUGH-GOING BIBLE ADVOCATE IN THE WORLD, AND IS SENT TO SUBSCRIBERS FOR $2 IN ADVANCEPER YEAR. LET NONE OF US NEGLECT TO TAKE THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND,A SMALL PAPER EDITED BY ELDER A.C.DAYTON, NASHVILLE TENN., MONTHLY, AT 25CENTS FOR A SINGLE COPY OR 5 COPIES FOR $1 PER YEAR. THIS PAPER IS JUST THE THING FOR OUR CHILDREN. WE RECOMMEND THE HOME AND FOREIGN JOURNAL AND THE COMMISSION, EDITEDBY ELDERS TAYLOR AND POINDEXTER, IN RICHMOND VARGINIA, MONTHLY; THE JOURNAL FOR 25 CENTS AND COMMISSION FOR $1. THESE PAPERS GIVE US ALL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

ALL OF WHICH WE RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT.

A.B.ALDERMAN. CHAIRMAN.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN;- BEING APPOINTED AT THE LAST ASSOCIATION TO COMMUNICATE TO YOU AT THIS TIME OUR WIEWS ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS. WE ARE TRULY SORRY THAT YOU HAD NOT SELECTEDSOME PERSONS MORE COMPETENT THAN YOUR HUMBLE SERVANTS.

YOUR COMMITTEE BEG LEAVETO MAKE THE FOLLOWING REPORT: WE FIND ONE OF THE FIRST COMMANDMENTS ENJOINED UPON US BY CHRIST,WAS TO GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE. THEN WE HOLDTHAT ALL CHRISTIANS ARE LABORERS IN HIS VINYARD, AND CO-WORKERS IN THE CAUSE OF CHRIST. FOR HE SAYS IF YE LOVE ME YE WILL KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS. AND WHENEVER OR WHEREVERWE ARE CALLED ON TO ASSISTIN BUILDING UP THE CAUSE OF OUR BLESSED REDEEMERWE SHOULD PRAY TO THE

Lord to assist us, and buckle on our armour and prepare for battle, and trust the consequences to the true and living God. For he says seek ye first the kingdom of heaven and all things shall be added unto you. The cause of Missions has claimed the attention of thousands millions , and well it might When our blessed Saviour has commanded his his followersto preach the Gospel to every creature, the cause of missions, especially of Home or Domestic missions, should claim the attention of both saint and sinners God has through hisgreat mercy and love devised this great plan of salvation. And the question must necessarilyarise, how is this great and important mission to be accomplished? Dear brethren, in the opinion of your Committee i t must be carried on by you and I and all the followers of Christ. Some brother may think this curious logic and a strange argument, and is ready to sa he cannot preach the gospel, and that he is poor and his means limited. God has commandedus to watch and pray, and let our light shine, and letour daily walk be such as becomes christians, and admonish poor perishing sinners to forsake their evil ways and serve Christ, who gave himself a ransom, that through his death and suffering sinnersmight have eternal rest. Yea, upon this pivot turns our very existence. Why do I make this bold assertion? Ah, meditate but one moment upon those nationswho were oncea religious and happy people, but have been led astray by that great soul devourer, and see what an awful and lamentable conditionwe now find them in, bowing down, worshiping idols, without the knowledge of the true and living God.-What an awful sentence is pronounced againstthose nations? God says emphatically, that they shall be turned into hell with all the nations that forget God. Well, then, let us rally to theb foot-stool of Christ and cast our little mite and be united as one-- and be not contenteduntil every family in our limits shall be supplied with religious books and shall have the opportunityof hearing the blessed word preached. Yea my friends, let us rally to the cross of Christ and push this great engine onuntil every soul shallhave an opportunityto quench its thirst at the fount of the true and living God.

Wherever you find a religious people you find a law-loving, a happy and a prosperous people; and above all, Christ has promised them everlasting life. Then let us be diligent with the talent that our blessed Master has given us, that we may be able to give a good account of our stewardship here below and hear the plaudit, Well done thou good A and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many. But let us not be satisfiedwith an active itinerant in our own field, but remember the poor heathen, and roll this great wheel of salvationon untill it shall reach from the North to the South, from the East to the West, and be united as one, shouting Glory be to God forever and Forever. Amen.

THOS. W. DEVANE Chairman.

(This minute was copied from a bound volumn in the possession of Miss Vera McGougan of Lumber Bridge. The volumn contains the minutes of the Cedar Creek Association from 1858- 1871 It was bound pursuant to an order of the Association in the meeting of 1870 appointing Elder J.M.Beasley and D.W.McGougan the Clerk as a committee See page 3 of the minute of 1870. This Copy made by W.O.JohnsonClerk Robeson Association 1949.)

SABBATH SCHOOLS

Dear Brethren: Your Committee on Sabbath Schools report as follows:

With such facilities as we are blessed with at the present, every church, yea every neighbourhood may with ease organize a Sabbath school, and furnish the rising generation with a pure and religious literature. Experience has taught us that early impressions are hard to eradicate– hence our duty to organize and then to patronize Sabbath Schools, that our children may have the importance of religion impressed up on their tender minds. We know that many Sabbath Schools have gone down, and the cause, we believe, is that parents manifest so little interest in Sabbath Schools. Your Committee urge the necessity for parents to awake to their duty. Go with these children to the Sabbath School and assist in imparting religious instruction to the youth, that when we are gone to the Spirit World our children may fill our placeswith credit to us and to the Glory of God, and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom on Earth.

Respectfully Submitted,

N.H.Jones, Chairman.

Report on Executive Committee.

Your committee to nominate an executive Committeefor the ensuing year, beg leave to present the following:

Churches	Delegates.
Cape Fear	T.W.Devane
Concord	R. Faircloth
Magnolia	Wm. Bryan
Rock Fish	J.Musselwhite
Piney Grove	Jas. Guy
Cedar Creek	A.Melvin
Spring Branch	S.D.Jackson
Baptist Chapel	H.J.Lockame
Green Springs	N.H.Jones
Providence	D.W.McGougan
Bladen Union	J.S.Beard
Beaver Creek	M. Strickland
Kingsbury	D.A.Buie
Zion's Tabernacle	Noah Mercer
Cypress Creek	M. Mck Smith
Fayetteville	J.M.Beasley
Saddle Tree	Atlas Carlyle

Respectfully Submitted, D.T.Averitt
Jas. A. Rozier.

THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of your body beg leave to make the following report:

Your committee have had the services of Brother A.B.Alderman as their missionary, who has travelled and preached seventy-four days in the destitute regions of the Association. He also called to his aid Brother W.C.West, who preached six day; Brother W.H.Howard, six days; Brother A. Hall one day;Brother R.Fisher one day. Although he has had many difficulties to encounter with, the Lord has crowned his labor with rich success, and many souls have been made to rejoice. He has had the pleasure of baptizing six persons. He has constituted two churches within our bounds, viz: Kingsbury and Beaver Creek. He calls our attention to many important points which should not be neglected, but suppliedwith an active itenerant.

Among the most important are Beaver Creek, Kingsbury, Purdee's School House, Greenwood and Murchinson's factory. Although the Association is but in her infancy, we trust that much has already been done in the cause of Christ.

Thus your body will see the operations of the Committee the past year. And we have great cause to rejoice: the way is now open, the seed sown, the field is already ripe for the harvest. Then let us send forth an active itinerant to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,
T.W.Devane , Chairman.

REPORTOF THE TREASURER OF THE CEDAR CREEK ASSOCIATION 1859.

Collected from the churches during the yaer.

Cedar Creek	$38.60
Cape Fear	62.00
Piney Grove	14.40
Magnolia	21.45
Green Springs	6.75
Spring Branch	20.00
Concord	16.80
Baptist Chapel	8.00
Rock fish	4.85
Fayetteville	25.00
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Contra:

Paid to brother Alderman	$90.89
"2 " " West	9.00
" " " Howard	9.00
" " " Hall	1.50
" " " Clerk to printing Minutes	22.00
	139.89
Cash in hand	85.70

A. MEDLIN, Treasurer.

Your Committee have examined the foregoing account and find it correct.

J.M. Beasley, Chairman.

For the Support of Domestic Missions.

The following churches and persons pledged the amount annexed to their names for the support of Domestic Missions for the ensuing year:

Cape Fear	$50.00	SaddleTree	$10.00
Magnolia	11.00	P.Taylor	5.00
Rockfish	16.00	S.M.Beasley	5.00
Piney Grove	10.00	A.B.Aldermani	5.00
Cedar Creek	225.00	Jas. Guy	5.00
Spring Branch	20.00	A. Melvin	5.00
Baptist Chapel	15.00	Wm. Tomlinson	5.00
Providence	12.00	John Musselwhite	2.00
Bladen Union	5.00	R.Fisher	3.50.
Beaver Creek	6.00	C.D.Nixon	5.00
Kingsbury 5.00pd	5.00	D.W.McGougan	5.00
Zion's Tabernacle	3.75	J.N.Cashwell	2.50
Cypress Creek	10.00	R. McDaniel	5.00
Fayetteville	25.00		

Minute Fund.

Cape Fear	$ 3.00	Providence	$ 2.00
Concord	4.15	Bladen Union	1.70
Magnolia	2.50	Beaver Creek	1.00
Rock Fish	1.00	Kingsbury	2.50
Piney Grove	1.00	Zion's Tabernacle	1.25
Cadar Creek	3.00	Cypress Creek	2.50
Spring Branch	4.00	Fayetteville	4.00
Baptist Chapel	4.00	Saddle Tree	3.00
Greensprings	2.50	Total	$ 43.10

Your Committee have examined the above account and find it correct.

J.M.Beasley, Chairman.

COUNTIES AND CHURCHES	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	BAPTIZED	RECEIVED BY LETTE	RESTORED	DISMISSED	EXPELLED	DIED	MALES	FEMALES	SLAVES	TOTAL	ASSOCIATED FUND
CUMBERLAND COUNTY												
CAPE FEAR	J.T.TOLAR, T.W.DEVANE, D.T.HOLLINSWORTH	4	2	3	23	9	4				276	$3.00
CONCORD,	R.FISHER, R. FAIRCLOTH. J.L.AUTRY				2	9					121	4.00
MAGNOLIA	A.HALL, WM.H.MELVIN, ALEX.MC. AVERITT	2	4	2		5		22	30	3	61	2.50
ROCKFISH	JOHN MUSSELWHITE, W.C.WEST, W.SIMMONS	9	5		26	4				2	58	1.00
PINEY GROVE	JAS. GUY, J. TAYLOR, S.J.GUY	24	5		3						78	2.00
CEDAR CREEK	A.MELVIN, D.L.SMITH, A.A. MCCASKILL	4		2	2	4		104		12	116	3.60
BEAVER CREEK	W.H.HOWARD, M.STRICKLAND, ELI DEES										17	1.00
KINGS BURY	D.A.BUIE, C.D.NIXON, DUNCAN BUIE										11	2.50
FAYETTEVILLE	JAS. MCDANIEL, J.M.BEASLEY, SAM'L MIMS										3.37	—
SAMPSON COUNTY												
BAPTIST CHAPEL	J.A.BEAMAN, BALLARD JACKSON, J.F.WRENCK	6		1	3	4	1				157	4.00
SPRING BRANCH	S.D.JACKSON, A.B.ALDERMAN, W.STRICKLAND	16	3	1	1	3	1				163	4.00
ROBESON COUNTY												
PROVIDENCE	D.W.MCGOUGAN, G.E.COBB, J.H.COBB										~~47~~ 47	~~2.00~~ 2.00
GREEN SPRINGS	N.H.JONES, J.N.CASHWELL W.S.FISHER	16	3		2	2	1				58	2.50
ZION TABERNACLE	J.A.ROZIER, NOAH MERCER, D.ALLEN	#									17	1.25
SADDLE TREE	ATLAS CARLYLE, LEWIS HUMPHREY, D.C.HUMPHREY										92	3.00
BLADEN COUNTY												
BLADEN UNION	D.T.AVERITT, WM.HOLLINSWORTH, JAS. BEARD	1	5					16	12		28	1.70
CYPRESS CREEK	JONATHAN JONES, M.MCK. SMITH, A.S.SMITH	20									52	2.50

Constitution
# of the
CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Whereas, God's people are commandded to strive together for the faith of the Gospel: and Whereas, in union there is greater strength and capacity for assisting in the promotion of Christ's Kingdom on Earth, we, professed disciples of Christ, resolve to unite in an associated capacityon the following Constitution.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as teh Cedar Creek Baptist Association of North Carolina.

Article 2. This body shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates.

Article 3. In the selection of these delegates, the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

Article 4. The delegates thus selected should bear from their respective churches, a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and the interest there of.

Article 5. The Association shall select out of their members annually a presiding officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and who shall continue in office until the time for the annual election.

Article 6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecutedin strict conformity to "law and testimony."

Article 7. The Association shall have a fund created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

Article 8. A faithful record shall be made of the proceedings of each annul session, which shall be printed and presented to each session.

Article 9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint an Executive Committee, to whom may be submittedthe consummation of any planadopted; Which Committee shall be answerable for their official acts to the Association.

Article 10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship toward any of her churches which neglect to instituteand preserve proper or Gospel order among their members, nor towards any of her churches and ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her influencesuch as promote Gospel principles and order.

Article 11. The Association shall not recognize as valid the ordinationof any ministerwhich may take placewithin the boundsof her churches, without her prior direction or virtual sanction.

Article 12. It shall be the province of the Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to a seat, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

Article 13. The Annual session of this Association shall be on Thursday before the second Lord's day in November, at such place as may be chosen.

Article 14. By appointment of the Associationthere shallbe an introductory Sermon preached, and also a charity sermon.

Article 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two thirds of those present.

Rules of Order for the CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. At each assembling for the transactionof Business the presiding officer, (or in his absencethe Secretary) shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and and a chairman protem shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, praise and prayer, either by him or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

2. The presiding office shall, as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the comstitution and rules of order of the Association, in the nature manner and spirit of the business transacted. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order. and give his viewson any point under discussion after others are done speaking.

3. Names of the delegates shall be called each day of the session , previous to proceeding to business and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall onserve that respect towards the officersand each other, which becometh those that reverence God, whose they are and whom they serve. when any membbris about to speak in debate or make remerks,he shallrise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the presiding officer; shall confine himself to the question under consideration, an avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

5. When a motion is made without a second it shall receive attention; but if seconded, it shall be state by the presiding officer, or if in writing, shall be read by the Secretary before debate.

6. After a motion is stated by the presiding officer or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be i the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover previous to a discuss

7. When a question is under debate, no motion or pro osition shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on t table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for reconsideration thereof on the same day.

9. When a subject is presented,and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to considerationby a vote of the Association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend

11. All questions, exceptsuch as relate to the constitution, shall be decidedby a majority of votes.

12. These rules of order, may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association, by a vote of a majority of the delecates present?

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MINUTES

OF THE

THIRD SESSION

OF THE

CEDAR CREEK
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

BAPTIST CHAPEL CHURCH,

SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.,

November 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th,

1860.

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MINUTES.

THURSDAY, Nov. 8, 1860.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered, according to appointment, by Elder J. H. Cobb, from Psalms, 27th chap., 4th verse.

After an intermission of twenty minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator's reading a portion of Scripture and singing, and the Divine direction invoked by Bro. J. M. Beasley.

A majority of the Churches being represented, the Association proceeded to business.

On motion, Bro. J. T. Tolar was appointed Assistant Clerk.

Appointed Brethren R. Fisher, Jas. Guy and H. J. Lockaman a Committee to supply the stage.

Appointed Brethren C. D. Nixon and J. M. Beasley a Committee of Finance.

After the reading of Letters and recording the names of Delegates, the Officers were elected, viz: A. B. Alderman, Moderator; A. A. McCaskill, Clerk; J. T. Tolar, Assistant Clerk; A. Melvin, Treasurer.

An invitation extended to Churches to unite with our body; when Delegates from the following Churches presented their Letters and were received: Salem, Pleasant, Union, Piney Green.

Visiting Brethren were invited to seats; when Brethren H. McAlpin and A. Brown from the Union Association; Bro. Bogart, Agt. of the American Bible Union, presented themselves and took seats.

A letter and package of Minutes received from the Pee Dee Association.

Appointed Brethren H. McAlpin, C. D. Nixon, Jas. Guy, a Committee of Arrangements.

Appointed the Officers of Baptist Chapel Church a Committee of Vigilance.

On motion, the quere from Spring Branch was read; after some remarks, on motion of Bro. J. M. Beasley, it was laid on the table to be taken up at the option of the Committee of Arrangements.

Adjourned to Friday morning, 9½ o'clock. Prayer by Bro. Bogart.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9½ O'CLOCK.

Met pursuant to adjournment. After reading a portion of Scripture by the Moderator and singing, prayer was offered by Elder H. McAlpin.

Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Committee of Arrangements reported; report was adopted.

Corresponding Messengers called for, when Brethren William Melvin, Geo. Melvin and W. S. Melvin, with a letter and package of Minutes from Cape Fear Association came forward and took seats.

Appointed Brethren R. Fisher and E. Davis to audit the Accounts of the Treasurer and Finance Committee.

Association suspended business for Bro. Bogart to address the body in behalf of the Bible Union.

Resumed business.

An invitation given to visiting Brethren to take seats; when Bro. Skinner, Agent of the Raleigh Baptist Female College, and Bro. Faulkner, from Beulah Association, came forward and were welcomed to seats.

Quere from Spring Branch taken up. *Quere:* Shall we as Missionary Baptists recognize the baptism of the Free Wills as valid when they apply for membership into our Church? Quere answered in the negative, with a request that Bro. Jas. McDaniel give the reason why their baptism is not valid, in the Minutes of this Association.*

Appointed Brethren R. Fisher and S. J. Guy to nominate an Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

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Association gave a recess of one half-hour.

FRIDAY EVENING, 2 O'CLOCK.

Association resumed business.

Committees appointed last year to write on the following subjects, viz: Domestic Missions, Sabbath Schools, Periodicals, and Ministerial Support, reported. Reports read and their appendage to the Proceedings ordered.

Treasurer and Agent of the Book Depository reported. Reports read and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Bro. Skinner.

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SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Reading and singing by the Moderator; prayer by Elder E. Davis.

Appointed Brethren A. B. Alderman and R. Fisher to write on Foreign Missions; C. D. Nixon and J. M. Beasley on Sabbath Schools; D. W. McGougan and H. J. Lockaman on Periodicals; J. T. Tolar and Jas. Guy on Temperance; J. M. Beasley and A. A. McCaskill on Ministerial Support.

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J. H. COBB, Chairman.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Dear Brethren: The subject is one in which we are all interested. We read in holy writ that they that preach the gospel, shall live of the gospel; hence we are brought to the conclusion that it is our bounden duty to see that the Ministry is supported, and in this your Committee are of the opinion that the most, if not all the Churches, are remiss in this duty. How often does the Minister have to call upon his Churches for what is due him. This ought not to be, Brethren; we believe there are a good many Ministers who have to neglect the ministry and devote their time to some secular pursuit for a support. Then who is to blame? Your Committee believe there is a remedy, and would recommend that each Church have a Treasurer, and the funds be placed in his hands, and let it be his duty to pay the Pastor quarterly; then he will be better prepared to preach, and his Church and congregation be more benefited.

Respectfully submitted.

J. T. TOLAR, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of your body submit the following report:

Your Committee have had the services of Bro. A. B. Alderman as their Itinerant, who has traveled and preached one hundred and nine days, both in the destitute regions and among the Churches of the Association. He also assisted the Pastors of several of the Churches in protracted meetings, and the dedication of one house of worship. He had many difficulties to contend with in the first of the year, but the Lord has crowned his labors with success, and many have been made to rejoice. He has had the pleasure of baptizing six persons. Your Committee have had the services of Bro. W. H. Howard twelve days in the destitute regions of the Association, and he supplied one station one quarter of the Associational year. Your Committee have also had the services of Bro. R. Fisher ten days during the year; he supplied one station, viz: Purdie's School House, with preaching during the year. There are very many important stations that should be supplied with faithful preaching as soon as possible. The Macedonian cry is coming up from every quarter: send us the Missionary. Shall we rest easy and content ourselves regardless of their cry, and leave them with no one to preach Christ and him crucified, or break to them the bread of eternal life?

By this, your body will see the operations of the Committee the past year. Then let us send forth an active and efficient Missionary to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Respectfully submitted.
D. W. McGOUGAN, Secretary.

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee to nominate an Executive Committee for the ensuing year beg leave to present the following:

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.
Cape Fear,	T. W. Devane.
Concord,	R. Faircloth.
Magnolia,	Wm. Bryan.
Rockfish,	John Musselwhite.
Piney Grove,	James Guy.
Cedar Creek,	A. Melvin.
Spring Branch,	S. D. Jackson.
Baptist Chapel,	H. J. Lockaman.
Green Spring,	N. H. Jones.
Providence,	D. W. McGougan.
Bladen Union,	A. T. Averitt.
Beaver Creek,	M. Strickland.
Kingsbury,	C. D. Nixon.
Zion Tabernacle,	James A. Rozier.
Cypress Creek,	M. McK. Smith.
Fayetteville,	John M. Beasley.
Saddle Tree,	Lewis Humphrey.
Salem,	William Autry.
Pleasant Union,	R. Fisher.
Piney Green,	A. McRae.

Respectfully submitted.
R. FISHER, Chairman.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Cape Fear Church	$50 00	J. M. Beasley	$5 00
Magnolia	11 00	A. B. Alderman	5 00
Rockfish	10 00	J. S. Guy	5 00
Piney Grove	10 00	A. Melvin	5 00
Cedar Creek	25 00	W. H. Tomlinson	5 00
Spring Branch	20 00	John Musselwhite	2 00
Baptist Chapel	15 00	R. Fisher	3 50
Providence	12 00	C. D. Nixon	5 00
Bladen Union	5 00	D. W. McGougan	5 00
Beaver Creek	6 00	J. N. Cashwell	2 50
Kingsbury	10 00	R. McDaniel	5 00
Zion Tabernacle	3 75	Minute Fund	43 10
Cypress Creek	10 00	Sabbath Collection	39 50
Fayetteville	25 00	Concord Church	12 30
Saddle Tree	10 00		
Green Spring	4 00		$374 65
P. Taylor	5 00		

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid A. B. Alderman	$167 80
" R. Fisher	18 00
" W. H. Howard	31 40
" A. A. McCaskill, Cl'k, for preparing and having printed Minutes	52 00
Cash and pledges in hand	105 45
	$374 65

A. MELVIN, Treasurer.

Names of individuals and Churches subscribing to the Domestic Mission Board for the year 1861.

Magnolia	$7 00	D. W. McGougan	$10 00
Piney Grove	10 00	J. M. Beasley	15 00
Baptist Chapel	15 00	R. Faircloth	5 00
Providence	12 50	H. McAlpin	5 00
Bladen Union	5 00	Wm. Autry	5 00
Kingsbury	5 00	A. S. Smith	5 00
Cypress Creek	10 00	Wm. Bryant	2 50
Fayetteville	25 00	J. H. Cobb	5 00
Saddle Tree	10 00	R. Fisher	5 00
Pleasant Union	5 00	M. McK. Smith	5 00
Piney Green	5 00	James Louis	2 50
Green Spring	5 00	Alex. Averitt	5 00
Salem	5 00	Daniel Ray	50
James Guy	5 00	Robert Williams	5 00
A. B. Alderman	15 00		
H. J. Lockaman	5 00		$230 00
C. D. Nixon	10 00		

REPORT OF TREASURER AND DEPOSITORY AGENT.

J. M. Beasley, Treasurer, in account with the Baptist Book Depository of Cedar Creek Association.

1859, Oct. 29.	To cash at the Association at Providence	$154 00
	To cash from D. T. Averitt	5 00
	" " A. A. McCaskill	5 00
	" " D. Gee	3 00
	" " M. Strickland	5 00
	" " P. Taylor, Depos. Ag't,	70 07
		$242 07

1860, April 10.	By cash paid Southwestern Pub. House	$100 00
July 28.	" " Southwestern Publication Society, Charleston, S. C.	60 00
	Exchange on the above	1 60
	Balance in hand	80 47
		$242 07

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. BEASLEY.

P. Taylor, Depository Agent, in account with J. M. Beasley, Treasurer of the Baptist Book Depository of Cedar Creek Association.

To Books received	$160 00	
" profits on sales	36 00	
	$196 00	
By 1 Blank Book		$0 75
" freight, &c.		1 50
" Books donated by Bro. Alderman		2 00
" cash paid Treasurer of Book Fund		70 07
" Books in the hands of Bro. Howard		47 60
" Books on hand		74 58
		$196 50

Respectfully submitted.

P. TAYLOR, Depos. Ag't.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your Committee have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct.

R. FISHER, Chairman.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

COUNTIES AND CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored	Dismissed	Expelled	Dead	Males	Females	Slaves	Total	Domestic Mission Fund.	Association Fund.
CUMBERLAND COUNTY.								white.					
Cape Fear	T. W. Devane, J. T. Tolar, William Butler	3	5	2	3	17	2	122	......	141	263	$25 00	$3 00
Concord	R. Fisher, R. Faircloth, D. J. Davis	7	...	2	8	10	...	46	67	......	113	....	3 00
Magnolia	William Bryan, Daniel Fisher, Hardy Jones	3	1	...	...	1	1	22	32	4	58	7 00	2 50
Rockfish	W. C. West, John Musselwhite, Joseph Gurley	3	4	7	3	12	...	......	......	......	59	....	2 00
Piney Grove	James Guy, C. T. Guy, S. G. Guy	2	...	...	4	4	1	18	33	31	82	10 00	1 50
Cedar Creek	Joshua Jessup, A. A. Melvin, A. A. McCaskill	8	5	3	1	3	2	46	78	17	141	....	3 00
Beaver Creek	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	......	......	......	......	....	....
Kingsbury	C. D. Nixon, D. A. Buie, William Giles	6	4	...	...	...	...	20	......	1	21	5 00	2 00
Fayetteville	James McDaniel, J. M. Beasley, Samuel Mims	1	7	3	10	5	...	58	172	94	324	25 00	3 00
SAMPSON COUNTY.													
Baptist Chapel	H. J. Lockaman, B. Jackson, J. A. Jackson	...	...	...	4	15	2	50	80	......	130	....	3 00
Spring Branch	A. B. Alderman, H. T. Jackson, Willis Hawley	10	...	...	3	4	1	......	......	......	165	....	3 00
Salem	William Autry, John R. Cooper, J. C. Howard	...	3	...	1	...	1	106	......	9	115	....	2 00
Pleasant Union	R. Fisher, Evan Smith, Owen Sessoms	10	1	4	1	1	...	83	......	9	92	....	1 00
Piney Green	Alexander McRae, Hardy Canaday, Allen Royal	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	54	......	98	....	2 00
ROBESON COUNTY.													
Providence	J. H. Cobb, D. W. McGougan, K. Lankster	1	...	...	...	1	...	8	20	14	42	12 50	2 75
Green Spring	John Cashwell, William S. Fisher, J. M. Cashwell	...	3	...	...	3	1	28	30	......	58	....	3 00
Zion Tabernacle	Noah Mercer, Alfred Allen, James A. Rozier	15	3	...	...	...	...	......	......	......	35	8 00	1 25
Saddle Tree	Elias Davis, Atlas Carlisle, S. B. Rozier	2	1	1	1	3	...	27	28	35	90	....	1 50
BLADEN COUNTY.													
Bladen Union	William Hollingsworth, J. S. Willis, H. T. Tolar	...	3	...	...	3	...	15	11	1	27	....	1 50
Cypress Creek	M. McK. Smith, J. B. Smith, A. Smith	2	5	...	2	1	...	22	32	1	55	....	2 50
		73	45	22	41	83	11	715	637	357	1968	$92 50	$43 50

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, God's people are commanded to strive together for the faith of the Gospel: and Whereas, in union there is greater strength and capacity for assisting in the promotion of Christ's Kingdom on Earth: we, professed disciples of Christ, resolve to unite in an associated capacity on the following Constitution:

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RULES OF ORDER

FOR THE

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As to the great importance of Sabbath Schools, we think we need not speak; we trust all our Churches are aware of this fact, and we further trust, they have a School in each of their houses of worship. All we need say, Brethren and Sisters, is, be punctual in your attendance; attend as teachers and scholars. We use the language of Bro. A. G. Dayton: We hold that none is too old to learn in a Sabbath School; none too wise or too ignorant to excuse his non-attendance, and thus by our example say to our children and the rising generation around us, come to the Sabbath School and employ your talents, let them be few or many, that when the Lord comes he may say, well done thou good and faithful servant.

We recommend every Sabbath School to have Sunday School Libraries and question books for Bible Classes. We would also recommend our Schools to take Sunday School Papers, and we advise each School to take a lesson in singing each day of school.

If the above recommendations would be complied with, and well attended to, our schools would become more instructive and interesting to old and young. The young would have the principles of our holy religion planted in their hearts; then we would realize the truth of the words of Solomon, train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. And likewise it would be said of them, as Paul said of Timothy, that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures. Respectfully submitted.

J. H. COBB, Chairman.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Dear Brethren: The subject is one in which we are all interested. We read in holy writ that they that preach the gospel, shall live of the gospel; hence we are brought to the conclusion that it is our bounden duty to see that the Ministry is supported, and in this your Committee are of the opinion that the most, if not all the Churches, are remiss in this duty. How often does the Minister have to call upon his Churches for what is due him. This ought not to be, Brethren; we believe there are a good many Ministers who have to neglect the ministry and devote their time to some secular pursuit for a support. Then who is to blame? Your Committee believe there is a remedy, and would recommend that each Church have a Treasurer, and the funds be placed in his hands, and let it be his duty to pay the Pastor quarterly; then he will be better prepared to preach, and his Church and congregation be more benefited.

Respectfully submitted.

J. T. TOLAR, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of your body submit the following report:

Your Committee have had the services of Bro. A. B. Alderman as their Itinerant, who has traveled and preached one hundred and nine days, both in the destitute regions and among the Churches of the Association. He also assisted the Pastors of several of the Churches in protracted meetings, and the dedication of one house of worship. He had many difficulties to contend with in the first of the year, but the Lord has crowned his labors with success, and many have been made to rejoice. He has had the pleasure of baptizing six persons. Your Committee have had the services of Bro. W. H. Howard twelve days in the destitute regions of the Association, and he supplied one station one quarter of the Associational year. Your Committee have also had the services of Bro. R. Fisher ten days during the year; he supplied one station, viz: Purdie's School House, with preaching during the year. There are very many important stations that should be supplied with faithful preaching as soon as possible. The Macedonian cry is coming up from every quarter: send us the Missionary. Shall we rest easy and content ourselves regardless of their cry, and leave them with no one to preach Christ and him crucified, or break to them the bread of eternal life?

By this, your body will see the operations of the Committee the past year. Then let us send forth an active and efficient Missionary to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Respectfully submitted.
D. W. McGOUGAN, Secretary.

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee to nominate an Executive Committee for the ensuing year beg leave to present the following:

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.
Cape Fear,	T. W. Devane.
Concord,	R. Faircloth.
Magnolia,	Wm. Bryan.
Rockfish,	John Musselwhite.
Piney Grove,	James Guy.
Cedar Creek,	A. Melvin.
Spring Branch,	S. D. Jackson.
Baptist Chapel,	H. J. Lockaman.
Green Spring,	N. H. Jones.
Providence,	D. W. McGougan.
Bladen Union,	A. T. Averitt.
Beaver Creek,	M. Strickland.
Kingsbury,	C. D. Nixon.
Zion Tabernacle,	James A. Rozier.
Cypress Creek,	M. McK. Smith.
Fayetteville,	John M. Beasley.
Saddle Tree,	Lewis Humphrey.
Salem,	William Autry.
Pleasant Union,	R. Fisher.
Piney Green,	A. McRae.

Respectfully submitted.
R. FISHER, Chairman.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Cape Fear Church	$50 00	J. M. Beasley	$5 00
Magnolia	11 00	A. B. Alderman	5 00
Rockfish	10 00	J. S. Guy	5 00
Piney Grove	10 00	A. Melvin	5 00
Cedar Creek	25 00	W. H. Tomlinson	5 00
Spring Branch	20 00	John Musselwhite	2 00
Baptist Chapel	15 00	R. Fisher	3 50
Providence	12 00	C. D. Nixon	5 00
Bladen Union	5 00	D. W. McGougan	5 00
Beaver Creek	6 00	J. N. Cashwell	2 50
Kingsbury	10 00	R. McDaniel	5 00
Zion Tabernacle	3 75	Minute Fund	43 10
Cypress Creek	10 00	Sabbath Collection	39 50
Fayetteville	25 00	Concord Church	12 30
Saddle Tree	10 00		
Green Spring	4 00		$374 65
P. Taylor	5 00		

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid A. B. Alderman	$167 80
" R. Fisher	18 00
" W. H. Howard	31 40
" A. A. McCaskill, Cl'k, for preparing and having printed Minutes	52 00
Cash and pledges in hand	105 45
	$374 65

A. MELVIN, Treasurer.

Names of individuals and Churches subscribing to the Domestic Mission Board for the year 1861.

Magnolia	$7 00	D. W. McGougan	$10 00
Piney Grove	10 00	J. M. Beasley	15 00
Baptist Chapel	15 00	R. Faircloth	5 00
Providence	12 50	H. McAlpin	5 00
Bladen Union	5 00	Wm. Autry	5 00
Kingsbury	5 00	A. S. Smith	5 00
Cypress Creek	10 00	Wm. Bryant	2 50
Fayetteville	25 00	J. H. Cobb	5 00
Saddle Tree	10 00	R. Fisher	5 00
Pleasant Union	5 00	M. McK. Smith	5 00
Piney Green	5 00	James Louis	2 50
Green Spring	5 00	Alex. Averitt	5 00
Salem	5 00	Daniel Ray	50
James Guy	5 00	Robert Williams	5 00
A. B. Alderman	15 00		
H. J. Lockaman	5 00		$230 00
C. D. Nixon	10 00		

REPORT

J. M. Beasley,

1859, Oct. 29.

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1860, April 10.	By cash paid Southwestern Pub. House	$100 00
July 28.	“ “ Southwestern Publication Society, Charleston, S. C.	60 00
	Exchange on the above	1 60
	Balance in hand	80 47
		$242 07

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. BEASLEY.

P. Taylor, Depository Agent, in account with J. M. Beasley, Treasurer of the Baptist Book Depository of Cedar Creek Association.

To Books received	$160 00	
“ profits on sales	36 00	
	$196 00	
By 1 Blank Book		$0 75
“ freight, &c.		1 50
“ Books donated by Bro. Alderman		2 00
“ cash paid Treasurer of Book Fund		70 07
“ Books in the hands of Bro. Howard		47 60
“ Books on hand		74 58
		$196 50

Respectfully submitted.

P. TAYLOR, Depos. Ag't.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your Committee have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct.

R. FISHER, Chairman.

COUNTIES AND CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Expelled	Dead	Males	Females	Slaves	Total	Domestic Mission Fund.	Association Fund.
LAND COUNTY.								white.					
....	T. W. Devane, J. T. Tolar, William Butler	3	5	2	3	17	2	122	......	141	263	$25 00	$3 00
....	R. Fisher, R. Faircloth, D. J. Davis	7	...	2	8	10	...	46	67	......	113	....	3 00
....	William Bryan, Daniel Fisher, Hardy Jones	3	1	...	...	1	1	22	32	4	58	7 00	2 50
.....	W. C. West, John Musselwhite, Joseph Gurley	3	4	7	3	12	...	......	......	......	59	....	2 00
..	James Guy, C. T. Guy, S. G. Guy	2	...	...	4	4	1	18	33	31	82	10 00	1 50
	Joshua Jessup, A. A. Melvin, A. A. McCaskill	8	5	3	1	3	2	46	78	17	141	....	3 00
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	D. Nixon, D. A. Buie, William Giles	6	4	...	...	...	...	20	......	1	21	5 00	2 00
	mes McDaniel, J. M. Beasley, Samuel Mims	1	7	3	10	5	...	58	172	94	324	25 00	3 00
	J. Lockaman, B. Jackson, J. A. Jackson	...	...	...	4	15	2	50	80	......	130	....	3 00
	B. Alderman, H. T. Jackson, Willis Hawley	10	...	...	3	4	1	......	......	......	165	....	3 00
	illiam Autry, John R. Cooper, J. C. Howard	...	3	...	1	...	1	106	......	9	115	....	2 00
	Fisher, Evan Smith, Owen Sessoms	10	1	4	1	1	...	83	......	9	92	....	1 00
	Alexander McRae, Hardy Canaday, Allen Royal	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	54	......	98	....	2 00
e	J. H. Cobb, D. W. McGougan, K. Lankster	1	...	...	...	1	...	8	20	14	42	12 50	2 75
pring............	John Cashwell, William S. Fisher, J. M. Cashwell	...	3	...	...	3	1	28	30	......	58	....	3 00
abernacle.........	Noah Mercer, Alfred Allen, James A. Rozier	15	3	...	...	...	...	......	......	......	35	8 00	1 25
le Tree..............	Elias Davis, Atlas Carlisle, S. B. Rozier	2	1	1	1	3	...	27	28	35	90	....	1 50
LADEN COUNTY.													
n Union............	William Hollingsworth, J. S. Willis, H. T. Tolar	...	3	...	...	3	...	15	11	1	27	....	1 50
ss Creek..........	M. McK. Smith, J. B. Smith, A. Smith	2	5	...	2	1	...	22	32	1	55	....	2 50
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MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Cedar Creek Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

CAPE FEAR, CUMBERLAND CO., N. C.,

November 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th, 1861.

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Proceedings.

THURSDAY, NOV. 7th, 1861.

Elder E. Davis and his alternate appointed at last session failing to attend, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. Dodson from Acts 16 : 31—"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

After an intermission of thirty minutes, the delegates assembled, and were called to order by the reading of a portion of Scripture by the former Moderator, Elder Alderman, and prayer by brother J. M. Beasley.

Appointed J. T. Tolar assistant Clerk.

Appointed J. M. Beasley and C. D. Nixon a committee of Finance.

The church letters were then called for, read, and the names of the delegates enrolled.

The term of the officers having now expired, Elder A. B. Alderman, after an expression of thanks to the brethren for their confidence and kindness, resigned the chair with the request that the body proceed to the election of a new Moderator; whereupon the Association proceeded to ballot, which resulted in his unanimous re-election.

Proceeded then to elect R. McDaniel, Clerk, and A. Melvin, Treasurer.

Appointed R. McDaniel, and Elders H. McAlpin and E. Dodson a committee to arrange the order of business.

Extended an invitation to ministering brethren and delegates of correspondence. Elder H. McAlpin of the Union Association came forward with a package of minutes; Elder E. Dodson of the Beulah Association; Eld. W. B. Ballard and B. Freeman of the Cape Fear Association with a letter, all of whom were welcomed to seats.

Bro. McGougan presented a letter and package of minutes from Peedee Association, which were received.

Appointed the deacons of this church (Cape Fear) a committee of Vigilance.

Appointed Elder McAlpin, Devane, and W. H. Melvin a committee to regulate the services at the stand.

Appointed D. McGougan, N. H. Jones and W. Howard a committee to audit Treasurer's report.

Extended an invitation to churches wishing to connect by membership. None came forward.

Agreed that one half hour of each day during the session be devoted to special prayer to Almighty God for our soldiers and country.

On motion, special prayer led by bro. Dodson, was now made for the success of our arms and preservation of the lives of our soldiers in the naval bombardment of Port Royal, S. C., as by telegraph reported to be going on.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow. Concluding service by Elder H. McAlpin.

FRIDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Reading of Scriptures by the Moderator, and prayer by bro. J. M. Beasly.

Called the roll of delegates—majority present.

Called for the report of committee on the order of business. Report received and adopted.

Read and adopted minutes of yesterday.

Extended an invitation to churches desiring membership. None presented themselves.

Appointed Elder Alderman, Elder Dodson, and Elder W. B. Ballard a presbytery, to examine brother D. A. Buie, a candidate for ordination.

Appointed R. McDaniel and J. T. Tolar a committee to prepare a report on Colportage for next session.

Called for report on Foreign Missions, which after some interesting remarks by brother Dodson, was adopted.

Called for report of the Treasurer of Book depository. The Treasurer stated that the bill of a lot of books failing as yet to come to hand, renders it impracticable to make a full report; whereupon, it was agreed if said bill shall be procured prior to the time of the minutes going to press, the reports of both the Treasurer and Depository Agent, are to be furnished the Clerk, and appear in the minutes.

Appointed A. A. McCaskil, I. Hollingsworth and J. T. Hourine a committee to nominate the Executive Board for the ensuing year.

Appointed Elder J. McDaniel, Elder Alderman, A. Melvin, C. D. Nixon and J. M. Beasly delegates to the State Convention, to convene at Raleigh on Wednesday before the 3rd Sabbath inst.

The hour of one o'clock having arrived, called off from business, and for the space of time agreed upon, engaged in earnest prayer and supplication for the soldiers and country, after which took a recess until 2 o'clock.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Called on, and resumed business.

Called for report on Sabbath Schools; read and adopted.

Committee on Periodicals reported; report adopted.

Committee on Temperance reported; report adopted.

Committee on Ministerial Support reported; report adopted.

Committee to nominate Executive Board reported; report adopted.

Appointed Elder McAlpin and R. McDaniel a committee on Special Changes.

Appointed Eld. Dodson and C. D. Nixon a committee on Denominational Schools.

Appointed J. M. Beasley and C. D. Nixon a committee to prepare a synopsis of the state of the churches as manifested by the letters.

On motion, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow A. M.—Prayer by brother Mercer.

SATURDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Met according to adjournment. Reading of the Scriptures and singing by Moderator, and prayer by Elder D. A. Buie.

Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

Visiting brethren invited to seats with us. Elders Cashwell, Johnson and Munroe from the Cape Fear Association, accepted the invitation.

Appointed W. H. Melvin and J. H. Cobb a committee to nominate messengers of correspondence.

Appointed D. A. Buie and I. Hollingsworth a committee to nominate writers on the following subjects for next session, viz: F. Missions, D. Missions, Sabbath Schools, Periodicals, Ministerial Education, Domestic and Indian Missions.

Executive Committee reported; report adopted.

Committee on Denominational Schools reported; report adopted.

Agreed that the next session of this body be held with the Spring Branch church, Sampson county, to commence at 10 1-2 o'clock on Thursday before the second Sabbath in November, 1862.

Elder W. H. Howard to preach the introductory sermon—Elder West his alternate.

Missionary sermon, Elder J. H. Cobb; alternate, Elder H. McAlpin.

Suspended business for special prayer, after which adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That we heartily approve the Proclamation of the chief Executive of the Confederate States of America, of Friday the 15th inst., as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, and recommend the faithful observance of it by all of our churches.

Took a recess until 2 o clock.

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2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Called on, and resumed business.

Committee to nominate messengers of correspondence reported.

To the Union Association—Elder James McDaniel and R. McDaniel—R. McDaniel to prepare the letter of correspondence.

Cape Eear—Elder E. D. Davis and Wm. Powell—Elder Davis to prepare the letter of correspondence.

Raleigh—J. M. Beasley and C. D. Nixon—J. M. Beasly to prepare the letter of correspondence.

Peedee—D. W. McGougan and G. E. Cobb—D. W. McGougan to prepare the letter of correspondence.

Sandy Creek—A. A. McCaskil and J. H. Cobb—J. H. Cobb to prepare the letter of correspondence. Report adopted. Committee to nominate writers on subjects for next session reported.

Foreign Missions—J. H. Cobb and James Marsh.

Domestic Missions—W. H. Howard and J. Musselwhite.

Sabbath Schools—R. McDaniel and C. D. Nixon.

Periodicals—J. M. Beasly and N. H. Jones.

Ministerial Education—Jas. McDaniel and J. T. Tolar.

Domestic and Indian Missions—A. B. Alderman and A. Melvin. Report adopted.

Committee to prepare a synopsis of the state of the churches, reported. Report adopted.

On motion, agreed that the churches not represented forward their letters to the clerk.

On motion, ordered that the time and place of the sitting of each Association with which this body corresponds, be published in these minutes.

Report of Presbytery called for, read and adopted. On motion, adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we recommend all our ministers to improve their minds as much as possible, and to become well read men.

Resolved, That we recommend our pastors to make as many pastoral visits as they possibly can every year.

Resolved, That the churches of this Association be impressed by their pastors and supplies, with the importance of aiding the Domestic Mission cause.

Resolved, That the ministers of this Association make due and proper efforts to attend the meetings of the Executive Committee.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be, and are hereby tendered to the inhabitants of this community for their kindness and hospitality.

Ordered, that the Clerk have 600 copies of minutes printed, and receive $15 for his services.

Treasurer reported; report adopted.

Committee of Finance reported; report adopted.

Ordered, the publication of the advertisement of brother Mills' school in these minutes.

On motion, adjourned to the time and place of holding ext session. Closing exercises by Elder E. Dodson.

A. B. ALDERMAN, Mod.

R. McDaniel, Clerk.

SABBATH.

The services on this beautiful day were as follows:

A large and intelligent congregation of white people were first addressed in the very handsome and spacious meeting-house, by Elder A. B. Alderman from Hebrews 2: 3—"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation."

Immediately after, Elder Dodson proceeded to address them again from James 5: 9—"Behold the Judge standeth before the door."

At the conclusion of this discourse, a collection for missions was taken up amounting to $19.

One half hour was then devoted to special prayer for the soldiers and our afflicted country by the whole congregation.

Two discourses were delivered to the colored people at the stand.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

COUNTIES AND CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Re'd by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Males.	Females.	Colored.	Total.	Domestic Missions.	Minute Fund.
Cumberland County—													
Cape Fear,	J. T. Tolar, A. A. McCaskil, N. Marsh,	2	4	3	10	2	2	42	79	137	258	0	$3 00
Concord,	R. Fisher†, R. Faircloth, J. L. Autry,	0	0	0	2	4	2	38	66	0	104	0	1 60
Magnolia,	W. H. Melvin, J. Bryan, A. M. Averett,†	7	1	0	0	4	1	21	30	4	55	0	1 25
Rockfish,	John Musselwhite, W. C. West. K. Powell,†	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	49	0	1 00
Piney Grove,	John T. Hourine, S. J. Guy, J. Toler,	2	2	0	0	1	1	17	32	34	83	0	1 00
Cedar Creek,	A. Melvin, V. Downing, D. S. Smith,	0	5	0	4	1	2	34	73	17	124	0	2 50
Beaver Creek,	M. Strickland, E. Dees, James Ballard,†	2	6	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	75
Kingsbury,	C. D. Nixon, D. A. Buie, J. Giles,†	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	2 00
Fayetteville,	I. Hollingsworth, R. McDaniel, J. M. Beasly,	18	6	2	4	7	1	0	0	0	347	25 00	4 00
Sampson County—													
Baptist Chapel,	H. J. Lockerman,† B. Jackson,† J. A. Beaman†,	34	1	0	0	3	1	36	64	61	161	0	2 25
Spring Branch,	A. B. Alderman, W. Strickland, H. T. Jackson,†	0	0	0	1	5	0	56	92	9	157	0	2 50
Salem,	Thomas M. Howard, Luke Cooper, Andrew J. Cooper,	1	1	1	0	1	2	45	59	15	119	0	2 00
Pleasant Union,													
Piney Green,	Wm. Ryals†, John Taylor†, John Nailer,†	1	0	0	0	1	0	31	55	11	97	0	
Robeson County—													
Providence,	D. W. McGougan, A. McMillan, J. H. Cobb,	1	0	0	0	0	1	8	20	14	42	10 00	2 50
Green Springs,	N. H. Jones, N. Jones, J. N. Cashwell,	4	5	0	3	1	0	30	33	0	63	0	2 00
Zion Tabernacle,	N. Mercer, J. A. Rozier, Alfred Allen,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 25
Saddle Tree,	E. Davis, Lewis Humphrey, John Humphry,	0	1	0	0	3	1	29	29	34	92	0	1 50
Bladen County—													
Bladen Union,	Wm. Hollingsworth, J. S. Willis, Richard Riddle†,	0	3	3	0	1	0	11	12	3	26	0	1 00
Cypress Creek,	J. J. Jones†, A. C. Smith†, D. Smith†,	0	0	0	5	1	0	18	31	1	50	0	1 50
		80	38	9	39	37	14	416	675	340	1882	$35 00	$33 60

†Absent.

Appendix.

SYNOPSIS OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Cape Fear—Nothing of special interest—peace and harmony abounds. Elder H. McAlpin their Pastor.

Concord—Has nothing cheering to communicate. Elder R. Fisher their Pastor.

Magnolia—Has had a precious revival—congregations good and attentive. Elder E. D. Johnson has been their Pastor.

Rockfish—Regrets that no onward march in piety is manifest. Elder J. H. Cobb has labored as their Pastor.

Piney Grove—Is in rather a cold condition. Elder W. C. West served them during the first part of the year, Elder J. T. Hourine the latter part.

Cedar Creek—This church is in a healthy condition, enjoying brotherly love. Elder E. D. Johnson is their Pastor.

Beaver Creek—Has had the labors of W. C. West, missionary of the Board this year. Congregations good and attentive. Several added to the church.

Kingsbury—This church has regularly advanced since its constitution. They have had many precious meetings the past year, the fruits of which have been the addition of 10 or 12 to the church. The Lord has done great things for them, whereof they are glad. Elder W. C. West is their Pastor.

Fayetteville—Has had a precious revival. A series of meetings were held last Spring, at which time a number were added to the church. They have a prosperous Sabbath School. Elder J. McDaniel is their Pastor.

Baptist Chapel—This church communicates the cheering intelligence of a glorious revival. 35 added to the church during the year· Elder R. Fisher their Pastor.

Spring Branch—Is in peace and brotherly love. Elder R. Fisher is their Pastor.

Salem—All in peace and harmony. Elder W. H. Howard is their Pastor.

Piney Green—Peace and good feeling exists, yet nothing of special interest communicated. Elder W. H. Howard is their Pastor.

Providence—Regrets much not to be able to communicate something of special interest. They have a very good Sabbath School. Peace and good will among the members abounds. Elder Jno. Munroe is their Pastor.

Green Springs—Elder J. H. Cobb has faithfully preached the word this year as their Supply. They hope the seed thus sown will in future days yield a harvest of honor and glory to God.

Saddle Tree—Nothing special to communicate. Peace and love abound. Regret the loss of their aged and highly esteemed brother James Carlisle. Elder J. H. Cobb is their Pastor.

Bladen Union—Bitterly complain of coldness, though the gospel is faithfully preached every month by Elder J. H Cobb, their Pastor.

Cypress Creek—This church enjoys peace and union under the pastoral care of Elder James Cashwell.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee beg leave respectfully to submit the following report:

The Board at its session with Baptist Chapel church, Nov. 10th, 1860, secured the services of Elder A. B. Alderman for the entire Associational year. Soon after the adjournment of the Association, he entered the field and addressed himself assiduously to the work, with quite a pleasing prospect before him, laboring mostly in the most destitute portions of the Association. He continued so to labour until some time in April, when our national troubles which were then manifesting themselves, so badly crippled his efforts, that it was thought best to curtail his labors; since which time he has served the Board about two days of each week up to the present time. The whole time he has served the Board this year, is six and one half months. There are several places where he has labored, that are truly of great importance; and the people earnestly solicit him to continue his labors among them. Brethren, let us labor and give, that that people may have the word preached to them.

The Board has also had the services of Elder W. C. West, who labored two days of each month at Beaver Creek. The cause at this place was languishing when bro. West began his labors. He preached the word faithfully, the congregations increased, the church was revived, and several during the year added. The Board earnestly recommend to the Association to extend the missionary labors in its bounds as much as possible. J. M. BEASLEY, Chm'n.

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee to nominate an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, present the following:

CHURCHES.	COMMITTEE-MEN.
Cape Fear, - - -	T. W. Devane.
Concord, - - -	R. Faircloth.
Magnolia, - - -	W. H. Melvin.
Rockfish, - - -	John Musselwhite.
Piney Grove, - - -	James Guy.
Cedar Creek, - -	A. Melvin.
Spring Branch, - -	Wm. Strickland.
Baptist Chapel, - -	H. J. Lockaman.
Green Springs, - -	N. H. Jones.
Providence, - - -	D. W. McGougan.
Bladen Union, - -	Jas. S. Beard.
Kingsbury, - - -	C. D. Nixon.
Zion Tabernacle, - -	James A. Rozier.
Cypress Creek, - -	John Jones.
Fayetteville, - - -	J. M. Beasly.
Saddle Tree, - -	Lewis Humphrey.
Salem, - - - -	William Autry.
Pleasant Union, - -	R. Fisher.
Piney Green, - - -	A. McRae.

Respectfully submitted.

A. A. McCASKIL, Chm'n.

REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY.

Your Presbytery of examination submit the following:

Having had under consideration the qualifications of Bro. D. A. Buie, do report, that while he gives satisfactory evidence of his conversion and call to the ministry, we recommend that he continue to exercise his gift in the ministry, and apply himself to diligent study of the Scriptures and other doctrinal works, for at least one year more before his ordination. A. B. ALDERMAN.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

This is a subject about which there is doubtless but very little difference of opinion. We all know it to be necessary, right and proper, for us to assist in the support of those who preach the gospel. If I know my Master's will, and carelessly and repeatedly refuse to do it, can it, will it, should it ever be said of me, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant"?

We also know that those who preach the gospel must have a support from somewhere, and do we not furthermore know that we as christians should be more concerned about that support? Are we not pleased when we see or hear of liberal contributions being made by others to the support of the gospel? And are we not favorably impressed towards such whole-soul brethren? We feel a kind of inward desire to share with them in their happiness and ease of conscience, but still we are very slow, yea, are we not criminally slow, in practicing those very same virtues we so highly esteem and commend in others? What others do in this matter, be it much or little, will not materially effect our weal or woe. If there is therefore any real good that will accrue to us from being liberal in the support of that Gospel, by the hearing and obeying of which we are what we are, then, brethren, let us with a liberal hand support that Gospel and possess that good. If there is, on the other hand, any real evil that will accrue to us from being illiberal, and withholding that we could give, would it not be far better for us, who profess to know our duty, to faithfully perform it, and shun the evil? "A prudent man foreseeth the evil and hideth himself, but the simple pass on and are punished." "If the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness." If by our profession alone we manifest light, and by our practice that light becomes darkness, then, oh then, how great indeed is that darkness?

May God help us liberally to give, as well as importunately to pray, for the dissemination of his blessed word.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. BEASLEY, Chairman.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

As to the great importance of Sabbath Schools we need not speak. We hope all of our churches are aware of this; and with the facilities with which we are blessed, there is no proper and well-founded reason why every church and neighborhood should not have a Sabbath School, that the rising generation may be furnished with religious training. Our experience testifies to the fact that early impressions are hard to remove; it follows, then, brethren, that it is our duty to establish Sabbath Schools, and then attend to them; that the importance of pure and undefiled religion in these nurseries of piety, may be early impressed upon the tender minds of our own children and those of our neighbors. It is a source of pain to your committee to find, that no efforts are put forth by the majority of our churches in this boundless channel to effect good. This ought not so to be.

Then brethren, allow us to urge you not to sacrifice any longer so great means to accomplish good and to obtain good. For none are either too old or well-informed, to learn important and useful lessons in the Sabbath School; and none do spend, or can spend a portion of the Sabbath more acceptably to God, than to be thus piously engaged. Let Sabbath Schools be organized in every neighborhood and church—let parents be prompt in attendance with the children, and the happy consequences which must follow (virtue never failing of her reward,) will be an improved state of the neighborhoods, morally, and far more zealous and efficient churches.

Respectfully submitted.

C. D. NIXON, Chairman.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is a well known fact, that in the proper training of the mind of youth, the company kept is an important consideration; for upon this depends to a considerable extent the future character and prospects of youth. This is so self-evident, so generally conceded to be true, that all virtuous and reflecting parents enjoin upon their children the propriety of chosing such associates as will tend to elevate their moral and religious character.

We expect our children to take the places we occupy when we shall have passed from the stage of action; and much depends on us, whether the next generation (our successors,) shall be an enlightened, intelligent and useful people. Viewing it in this light, we certainly should be careful what kind of reading matter we place in the hands of our young and rising generation. We know that the human family are naturally social beings—that they have an instinctive desire for society; and when deprived of social enjoyments, and free from other engagements, to while away their leisure hours, they resort to reading. Assuming this to be correct, how infinitely important that solid and wholesome literature be placed in the reach of all the young of the land; that the truths which they peruse, the doctrines they imbibe may be such as will fit them for usefulness in their day and generation, and for the mansions of eternal rest.

Oh, how desirable that every family of our land be a reading family; and that all should study carefully and prayerfully that book which lights our pathway to heaven; and that whatever we read besides be a wise selection with reference to its moral and religious bearing.

Brethren of the Cedar Creek Association bear with us whilst we earnesly beg you to be a reading people. And may the God of all grace enable us to read and study such works as are consonant with the teachings of the Bible.

Besides many valuable Periodicals published by the Baptist denomination in neighboring States, which are well calculated to establish us in our religious faith and practice, we must not forget our own organ, the Biblical Recorder, a paper published at Raleigh, N. C., the Editor of which is a faithful and fearless advocate of Baptist principles, and at the same time courteous and gentle to any who honestly differ with him in sentiment.

We would also recommend to your faithful consideration, the Tennessee Baptist, a phper published at Nashville, Tenn., by a corps of able and efficient editors.

We would further recommend to your considertion, and especially to parents, Sabbath School teachers and children, the Children's Friend, a little Sabbath School journal published at Nashville, Tennessee, by the Board of the Southern Baptist Sabbath School Union, edited by Elder A. C. Dayton. It is the very thing we need.

These periodicals, with the accompanying resolution, we respectfully recommend to our brethren all over the land,

and *particularly* to the brethren of the Cedar Creek Association.
Respectfully submitted.
DANIEL W. McGOUGAN, Clerk.

Resolved, That at least one member of every family, making the membership of the Cedar Creek Association, be requested to become a subscriber for the Recorder.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Upon this subject much has been said and much written. No vice perhaps entailed upon the human family by fallen nature, is more destructive to their happiness for time and eternity, than the one designed to be corrected by this subject. Notwithstanding such is an undeniable fact, numbers of professors contribute their aid in fostering its existence. This is done in either of the three following ways, viz: by drinking intoxicating liquors publicly, by the traffic of intoxicating liquors, or by the manufacture of intoxicating liquors for sale. Is not the practice of either of these a virtual, if not a real violation of that solemn admonition of holy writ, "Put not the cup to thy neighbor's lips?" Let this question be well considered by every such professor. Your committee are unable to report whether the temperance cause is on the advance or retrograde. But of one fact they are fully confident, that is, that the present time calls for the renewed energies and zeal of every friend of the cause and humanity. The demoralizing tendency of camp life, to which so many of our youths and middle-aged men are unavoidably called, foreshadows the probability, yea certainty, that every saving and redeeming influence will be needed and should be put in active exercise, to prevent and arrest any evil consequences that may arise from such sad necessity.

We therefore recommend to the earnest consideration of all the churches, the practice of that course in reference to intoxicating drink, that cannot either by precept or example, weaken the cause of temperance, and strengthen the cause of intemperance.

Respectfully submitted.
J. T. TOLAR, Chairman.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This subject does not receive one tithe of the attention that it ought to have. Christ has commanded us to preach the gospel to every creature. This important behest is as binding now as it was when it first fell from his lips. The prayers and contributions of the church should constantly tend to this noble object. The two great principles of Christ when he was on earth was the glory of God and the salvation of man. If any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of His.

Jesus was a foreign missionary. He came from heaven to earth to preach the gospel. When he left the earth his mantle fell upon 12 men who in one generation preached the gospel over the world. During the fiscal year ending April 1, 1861, the Southern Baptists gave only $32,826 52, not half as much as is paid in some *counties* in the South for taxes. North Carolina with 60,000 members during the same year paid $2,243 02, not 4 cents to each member. This does not as it should, show *supreme* love to God and zeal for the salvation of man. To give efficiency to this cause we would recommend the brethren to write subscriptions early in the year and present them to every member and every friend of the church. Both ladies and gentlemen should carry subscriptions as they do in Goshen Association, Virginia. In conclusion, we would recommend all the brethren to give *systematically*. If every one were to give *one-tenth* or any other *proportional* part of his income, and divide it among the various objects of benevolence, a much larger sum would be given. Respectfully submitted.

A. B. ALDERMAN, Chairman.

DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS.

A great man once said, I wish to give my children a *life* estate. If we respect the age, the age will respect us. If we respect ourselves we shall be respected by other people. We have to be too dependent on other denominations for the education of our children. There ought to be a Baptist male and female school in every Association to educate our own children. As long as we depend upon other denominations to educate them, we are digging the graves of our own churches. The children, the hope of the country, are taken from us with all their property and given to others. We work the rule of *constant subtraction* to ourselves, and of *constant addition* to others. By such conduct we are giving to others the *lettered* influence of the country, and weaken to a ruinous extent *all* of our benevolent operations.

E. DODSON, Chairman.

REPORT ON SPECIAL CHANGES.

Your committee on this subject find that during the Associational year, we have suffered the loss of one of our ministers, to wit, Elder Everett Hall, who was well known to you as a very zealous and energetic preacher; and although he was not as great preacher as some, yet he was a *good man*. While then we mourn his loss, we humbly bow to the dispensation of Him who doeth all things well; and feel that we can say of brother Hall, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea saith the Spirit, they do rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Respectfully submitted.

R. McDANIEL, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. MELVIN, Treasurer, DR.

To pledges for 1859 and 1860,	$80 00
" " " 1860 and 1861,	235 00
" collections on Sabbaths of 1860 and 1861,	57 20
" cash on pledges of 1859 and 1861,	25 00
" " " " " 1860 and 1861,	16 40
	$414 05

CR.

By unpaid pledges,	$211 45
" cash paid to A. B. Alderman,	147 51
" " " " A. A. McCaskil,	42 00
" " " " W. C. West,	9 25
	$410 21

The Board is Dr. to Bro. West,	$14 75
" " " " " Alderman,	123 28

Your committee have examined the above report and find it correct. D. W. McGOUGAN, Chairman.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOOK DEPOSITORY.

1861. To cash in the Treasury, November, 1860,		$80 47
" " received from Bro. M. McK. Smith,		10 00
" " " " Elder R. Fisher,		5 00
" " " " Depository Agent,		13 05
		$109 52

Cr.

By cash paid Southern Baptist Publication Society, Charleston,	$87 00	
Exchange on the above,	44	87 44
Cash in hand,		$22 08

J. M. BEASLEY, Treasurer.

REPORT OF DEPOSITORY AGENT.

1861. To books on hand, November, 1860,		$74 58
" Hymn books purchased since,		87 00
		$161 58

Cr.

By cash paid freight,	$3 56	
" " " on sale of books,	13 05	
" Books in the hands of colporters,	99 30	115 91
Cash on hand,		$45 67

P. TAYLOR, Depository Agent.

PLEDGES TO THE DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD FOR 1861 AND 1862.

J. M. Beasly,		$15 00
W. H. Tomlinson,		5 00
P. Taylor,		5 00
D. W. McGougan,		5 00
Theophilas Evans,		5 00
James McDaniel,		2 00
W. C. West,		3 00
Jno. Munroe,		1 00
N. D. Burks,		1 00
S. J. Guy,		2 00
James Hollingsworth,		2 00
J. H. Hawley,		2 00
R. T. Ellis,		2 00
J. T. Hourine,		2 00
Thos. Davis,		1 00
Franklin Davis,		1 00
Joseph Hollingsworth,		4 00
J. H. Cobb,		3 00
A. Melvin,		5 00
V. Downing,		1 00
Jacob Giles,		2 00
Giles Ham,		1 00
R. J. Fennell,		5 00
James Marsh,		1 00
Mrs. M. E. Spearman,		2 00
J. R. Fennell,		1 00
Wm. Bryant,		2 50
W. H. Howard,		5 00
Wm. Hollingsworth,		1 00
R. McDaniel,		20 00
A. B. Alderman,		5 00
C. D. Nixon,		5 00
J. McD. Jessup,	(paid,)	1 00
T. W. Devane,	(paid,)	5 00
James Thames,	(paid,)	1 00
Anguish McMillan,	(paid,)	3 00
J. N. Cashwell,	(paid,)	1 00

TIMES OF THE ANNUAL SESSIONS OF THE FOLLOWING ASSOCIATIONS.

Cape Fear—Friday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1862.

Sandy Creek—Tuesday before the first Sabbath in October, 1862.

Union—Tuesday before the second Sabbath in October, 1862.

Peedee—Friday before the third Sabbath in October, 1862.

Raleigh—Tuesday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1862.

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" in College Classes,	20
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" in Music,	10
Board,	50

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Avail themselves of a privilege allowed them by the Brethren of the Cedar Creek Association, to notice the Institution which they have in charge. It is unnecessary to do more than to state some prominent facts, such as that the college, notwithstanding the distracted condition of our country, is still in successful operation, and that its exercises will not be suspended unless the number of Students is absolutely too small to furnish materials for the four regular classes; that it is placed, by the liberality of its friends in providing an endowment, beyond the reach of ordinary contingencies; that it is provided with an able and efficient corps of professors, giving instruction in all the branches connected with the regular College course; and that in addition there has been organized a Military department conducted upon a plan consistent with the peculiar objects contemplated by the founders of the College.

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Servant Hire,	2 50
Incidental Expenses,	2 00
	$30 50

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SAM'L WAIT, President
Board of Trustees, Wake Forest College.

September 13, 1861.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CEDAR CREEK

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT SPRING BRANCH,

SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.,

November 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th,

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PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, Nov'r 6—10½ A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached, according to appointment, by Elder W. H. Howard, founded on a part of the 5th verse of 20th Psalm: "And in the name of our God we will set up our banners."

After a short intermission, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, with reading a portion of Scripture and singing a Hymn.

Appointed D. W. McGougan Assistant Clerk.

Appointed C. D. Nixon and A. Melvin Committee of Finance.

Called for Church Letters, which were read, and Delegates' names enrolled.

Proceeded to ballot for the election of Officers. Elder A. B. Alderman unanimously elected Moderator, R. McDaniel, Clerk, and A. Melvin, Treasurer.

Appointed A. B. Alderman and J. M. Beasley a Committee of Arrangements.

Appointed the Deacons of this Church (Spring Branch) a Committee of Vigilance.

Appointed R. Fisher, L. Godwin and D. J. Davis a Committee to regulate the Preaching exercises.

Extended an invitation to Churches to connect. None came forward.

Extended an invitation to Corresponding Messengers and Visiting Brethren to take seats with us. B. F. Jessup, of the Eleazer Association, Georgia, accepted the invitation.

Appointed J. M. Beasley and C. D. Nixon to audit Treasurer's Report.

On motion, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by R. McDaniel.

FRIDAY MORNING, Nov'r 7.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Reading of the Scriptures by the Moderator, and Prayer by Bro. Jessup.

Called the Roll of Delegates. Majority present.

Called for Letters of Churches absent yesterday.

Read Minutes of yesterday.

Committee of arrangement of business called upon to report. Report received and made the order of business.

Renewed the invitation to Churches to connect by membership. None presented themselves.

Appointed Elders A. B. Alderman, W. C. West, B. F. Jessup, R. Fisher and Jas. McDaniel a Presbytery to examine Candidates for Ordination.

Reports of the various writers on the different subjects, appointed last year, were called for, and, on motion, laid over until to-morrow for consideration.

Appointed Wm. Hollingsworth and James L. Autrie a Committee to nominate writers for the ensuing year.

Called off for three-quarters of an hour, for a meeting of the Executive Board.

Called on again.

An invitation was extended to Corresponding Messengers. Bro. Wm. S. Melvin, from the Cape Fear Association, presented a Letter from that body with a package of Minutes, and was welcomed to a seat.

Report of the Executive Board called for, read and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Called upon Treasurer to report. Not being ready, was given until to-morrow.

Appointed Wm. Hollingsworth and V. Downing a Committee to nominate the Executive Board for the ensuing year.

Called for Report of Corresponding Messengers of this body to sister Associations. N. Mercer attended the Cape Fear and was cordially received. J. M. Beasley and C. D. Nixon, appointed to Raleigh, neither attended, owing to afflictions and unavoidable circumstances. D. W. McGougan attended the Pedee, was cordially received, and through him craved a continuance of the correspondence.

Altered the 13th Article of the Constitution to read thus: "The Annual Session of this Association shall be on Tuesday before the 1st Sabbath in October, at such places as may be chosen."

Committee appointed to nominate writers of the different Reports for next Session reported the following, which was confirmed: Domestic Missions—Elder Jas. McDaniel, J. T. Honrine, W. H. Melvin. Foreign Missions—R. McDaniel, P. Taylor, Jas. Guy. Ministerial Education—Elder A. B. Alderman, W. H. Howard, S. D. Jackson. Sabbath Schools—Elder J. M. Beasley, J. H. Cobb, N. A. Jones. Periodicals—T. W. Devane, Jas. Marsh, C. D. Burks. Army Colportage—D. W. McGougan, Arthur Melvin and Elder J. H. Cobb.

The Committee to nominate a new Executive Board reported. Report accepted.

Appointed Elder A. B. Alderman, J. M. Beasley and C D. Nixon Corresponding Messengers to the Raleigh Association. Elder A. B. Alderman to write the Letter of Correspondence.

Owing to the change of the time of the sitting of this Association, it was agreed to not appoint to others until the next Session.

Agreed that the Clerk have $15 for his services.

Agreed that as many Minutes be printed as the funds sent up for that purpose will justify, and be distributed according to the amount from each Church.

Appointed R. McDaniel and D. W. McGougan a Committee to prepare a Digest on the Church Letters.

Agreed that our next Session be held with the Cedar Creek Church, Cumberland county, commencing at half-past 10 o'clock on Tuesday before the first Sabbath in October 1863. Elder J. M. Beasley to preach the Introductory Sermon—W. C. West his Alternate. Elder Jas. McDaniel to preach the Charity Sermon on Thursday at 11 o'clock A. M.—Elder A. B. Alderman his Alternate.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow at 9½ o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Bro. Fisher.

SATURDAY MORNING, Nov'r 8.

Met according to appointment.

Reading of the Scriptures and Singing by the Moderator, and Prayer by Bro. Beasley.

Called the Roll and noted absentees. Read and adopted yesterday's Minutes.

Renewed the invitation to Corresponding and Visiting Brethren.

Called for the Report of the Committee to prepare the Digest on the Letters. Report read and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Treasurer reported. Report read and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Committee of Finance reported. Report received; Committee discharged, after paying the funds into the hands of the Treasurer.

Book Depository Agent and Treasurer's Reports called for. Read, received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.

Agreed that all moneys now in the hands of the Treasurer of Book Depository be applied to sending a Colporteur into the Army.

Committee on the examination of Candidates for Ordination reported. Report received and appended to the Minutes.

Took a recess for three-quarters of an hour.

Called on again and resumed business.

Committee on Periodicals reported. After some remarks by Bros. Jas. McDaniel and Beasley, a collection amounting to $53 80 was taken up for the purpose of sending the Recorder to the soldiers in the Army. Report received and adopted.

Committee on Colportage reported. After remarks by Jas. McDaniel, R. McDaniel and others, a subscription of some $280 was taken up to carry out the resolution submitted in the Report, of sending a Colporteur of our own into the Army. Report adopted.

Agreed that we co-operate in our Army Colportage movements with the Army Colportage Board of the N. C. Baptist State Convention, located at Goldsboro', N. C.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Report received and adopted.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Report received and adopted.

Committee on Domestic Missions were allowed until the next meeting of the Executive Board, Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in December, to make their report.

Committee on Ministerial Education having overlooked their appointment, being also unprepared, were allowed until said time to make their report.

Adopted the following preamble and resolution, offered by Bro. Devane:

Whereas, there is manifested a great indifference on the part of our Baptist brethren in supporting their Pastors: Therefore

Resolved, That we, the Delegates composing the Cedar Creek Baptist Association, urge this great and important matter upon the consideration of our Brethren, and that they rally to the support of the Heralds of the Cross, that they may be able to go forward and hold Christ up to a lost and perishing world.

On motion, the following resolutions were also adopted:

Resolved, That we, the members of this Association, will remember, both in our private and public devotions, our bleeding country and soldiery.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and are hereby tendered to this community, for their kindness and hospitality.

Agreed that the collection to-morrow be applied to Army Colportage.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next Annual Session.

Concluding exercises by the Moderator.

A. B. ALDERMAN, Moderator.

R. McDANIEL, Clerk.

SABBATH.

Notwithstanding the weather still remained very cold and inclement, a very large congregation assembled, and were addressed, first, by Elder Jas. McDaniel, from the 31st verse of the 12th chapter of John: "Now shall the Prince of this world be cast out."

After this discourse, a collection, amounting to $29 05, was taken up for Army Colportage.

The congregation was again addressed by Elder W. H. Howard, from 13th chapter of John, a part of the 8th verse: "Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me." Which concluded the services of the day.

APPENDIX.

REPORT on Sabbath Schools.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools would respectfully report:

That the present state of Sabbath Schools is much to be deplored, and it is manifest that a great lack of zeal exists in all our Churches. We are unable to account for this, unless it be from ignorance of the real benefits to be derived from them. A want of knowledge as to how such Schools should be conducted is probably one reason why so many Churches are without them; and we believe that a few remarks and suggestions upon their proper objects will not be out of place in this Report.

The great error of the Churches is in supposing that a Sabbath School is intended to be a place of instruction merely for children and young persons, and that parents and aged persons have nothing to gain from them. Experience has proved that, wherever the Church and Congregation have taken hold of them, and have become Bible students, the result has been not only a flourishing School, but a flourishing Church. The Sabbath School becomes the handmaid of the Church; it is here that the ground is broken and the soil prepared for the seed sown in the preaching of the Word. It is here that intelligent converts are made, such as will understandingly believe the Gospel and therefore make a strong and vigorous Church.

Again: Experience has shown, that in nearly every case wherever is seen a languishing Church, there will be found a languishing Sabbath School, or none at all: a strong proof that the prosperity of both are linked together.

If Ministers would make it their business to impress upon the minds of their audiences the importance of Bible study, and the advantages of Sabbath Schools for this purpose, it is reasonable to suppose that many more would attend, who now take no interest whatever in them.

It is impossible to over-estimate one hour's study every Sabbath of the Bible, to both young and old. Let the members of the Church and congregation be constrained to meet one hour earlier than the time of preaching, and form themselves into classes, *reading and expounding to each other*, and ere long the results will be visible, not only in the School but throughout the Church and community. Let not the burden and sole dependence of the School rest upon the Superintendent or Pastor, but let all feel the responsibility of attending, and very soon the charms of association will lighten the load and invigorate the hearts, and the rich rewards will be received in the blessings seen to attend the faithful.

There are many reasons why Sabbath Schools should be a place of popular resort.

1st. They improve the personal character, promote general morality, save taxes, preserve peace in a community, and therefore deserve the approbation of every good citizen and philanthropist.

2d. The labor of Sabbath School instruction is such as every Christian pledges himself to engage in by his earliest and warmest vows of consecration to the Redeemer.

3d. We have Scriptural warrant and Scriptural encouragement in the labors of the Sabbath School, and the Word of God directly encourages the faithful teacher to hope for the conversion of his scholars.

4th. The statistics of Churches generally prove the success of Sabbath Schools to be an instrumentality from God in the conversion of sinners and the increase of Church members.

5th. The Sabbath School is a nursery of laborers in the Christian Ministry. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few."

Your Committee hope that a new era may soon commence, and that ere long every Church in our Association may be enjoying the inestimable blessings which lie in store for those who labor faithfully in the Sabbath School cause.

The Committee would also move the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Association request the Pastor of each Church, at his earliest convenience, to deliver a discourse upon the subject of *Bible Reading*, and urge upon his hearers the *suitableness of Sabbath Schools* for the purpose.

R. McDANIEL, Ch'n.

REPORT on Colportage.

The Christian work and enterprise of Colportage has ever been, since its organization, productive of the most happy results; but never to as great an extent as it has for the last eighteen months, during which time our country has been pressed down under the sad calamity of war and bloodshed. Like the compassionate hand of the good Samaritan to the unfortunate traveler who had fallen among thieves, in his time of distress, it has been almost the only means of communicating spiritual aid to the hundreds of thousands of our brave and patriotic soldiers, who are scattered throughout our Southern Confederacy, to protect our persons, our property and firesides from the hordes of worse than heathen and uncivilized invaders of our soil.

Soon after the inauguration of the war upon us, Army Colportage Boards were established in the different States, for perfecting the system to its utmost capacity to meet the urgent and pressing demands of our bleeding country's soldiery for spiritual nourishment and support. Through these Boards, active, energetic, pious laborers have been kept, scattering heavenly seed broadcast over this rich vast moral field, which have brought forth, in numerous instances, some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundred fold.

Some few facts only, obtained, will show the mighty workings of this important and glorious enterprise. The Army Colportage Board of S. Carolina, up to the 1st of Feb'y 1862, had published 11,500 Testaments and one million seven hundred thousand pages of Tracts. The Executive Board, located at Richmond, Va., for five months up to Nov. 10th, 1861, published upwards of seven hundred thousand pages of Tracts adapted to general distribution among the soldiers, 12,000 copies of the New Testament, with a little volume entitled Hymns for the Camp. A report of Publications of the General Tract Agency, after giving the various titles of 52 different Tracts, states that since June 1st, 1861, to July 1862, we have published of the above from 20,000 to 50,000 each, making a total in pages of 13,572,420, which is over 5,000,000 of pages more than the American Tract Society issued its first year. These have been sold and given away, mostly to the soldiers, at the rate of 1500 pages for one dollar. We are now prepared to print 50,000 four-page Tracts per day, and the number we should get out regularly if we would supply the demand upon us from all the Confederate States.

From these statements, what a vast moral machinery has been set in motion by this agency to furnish spiritual food for the hundreds of thousands, embracing every community, sanctuary and fireside. Eternity alone can or will disclose the good effected. The good being incalculable, the cause demands of all patriots or lovers of their country—all friends of humanity and Jesus Christ—prompt and liberal aid.

Your Committee respectfully submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we make a vigorous effort to put into the army a Colporteur of our own, for at least a good portion of this Associational year.

Resolved, further, That each Pastor, at his earliest convenience, bring the matter before his congregation and take a collection to be applied to said purpose.

REPORT on Foreign Missions.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the very important subject of FOREIGN MISSIONS, respectfully submit the following:

When Reports are written and published on this and other benevolent institutions, the great design is, to present to the public mind the necessity for the most energetic measures to carry them on to their ultimate ends of usefulness to the human family. The phrase *"Foreign Missions"* conveys to all intelligent, well-informed minds the idea of the sending forth of holy men of God, called by His Spirit to the great work of the Ministry, together with other pious assistants, to heathen lands full of the habitations of cruelty, for the sole purpose of imparting to the *hundreds of millions* of immortal beings in those countries a knowledge of Christ crucified, that the unsearchable riches of His grace may be obtained by the chiefest of sinners through the blood of the Cross.

We would say to every brother and sister and friend, in the bounds of this Association, and so far as our Minutes may go, that a vast multitude of Adam's race are yet without the Bible, and without a preached Gospel, and without any knowledge of the sweet name of Jesus, so inexpressibly dear and precious to you. Wide and effectual doors of usefulness are thrown open unto you in every quarter of the globe. Vast fields, now white unto the harvest, present themselves in every direction. The Macedonian cry, "come over and help us," strong yet plaintive, comes from the four winds of Heaven. The mind, filled with the Spirit of Christ and with love to ruined man, is powerfully oppressed in view of the magnitude of the work to be performed, the opposition of many, and the guilty indifference of thousands professing to be co-workers together with God. How, O how intensely painful the thought, that thousands of the disciples of the meek, lowly and self denying Jesus, are wasting in show, extravagance and folly the very means which they are in duty bound to use in sending the knowledge of the benefits of an eternal redemption from sin and hell to millions of lost souls—each one of whom is of more value than all this world.

In 1799, William Carey, William Ward and others were sent out as Missionaries, by the English Baptists, to labor among the Hindoos in the far East. In 1812, Judson, Rice and others went forth with the view of spending their lives in building up the Kingdom of Christ amongst perishing idolaters. Within the last *fifty years* Missionary Stations have been established in Burmah, China, Siam, Africa and other countries—the Bible has been translated into many languages—the Word of God preached—the Holy Spirit poured copiously from on high—thousands of souls hopefully converted, and many Churches organized upon heathen ground. We rejoice too in the assurance that multitudes of blood-washed souls are now in the Heavenly Paradise, who were once bowing down to wood and stone.

When a man is truly converted by regenerating grace, and has a DIVINE CALL to preach the Gospel, and feels constrained like the Apostle Paul to go far among the Gentiles, he must first learn their language, and when he has acquired that, he ought to devote his whole time, laboring for the good of those around him. To enable him to do this, he should have bread to eat, and raiment to put on; and whilst money never was intended to convert one soul, it was designed to procure food and raiment—to print Holy Bibles—to purchase materials for the erection of houses for prayer and preaching, in which thousands may hear of Christ crucified, and, under the powerful agency of the Holy Spirit, repent and believe to the saving of their souls.

As an illustration of what remains to be done, we may mention that the population of China amounts to about *four hundred and fifteen* *millions,* or about *one-third* of the population of the whole world. This immense mass of human beings have immortal souls, and if saved from their sins must be leavened by the pure Gospel of the Son of God.

The time will surely come when all the kingdoms of this world shall become the KINGDOM of our Lord and his Christ. Those who are so warmly in favor of sustaining and extending Foreign Missionary operations, will not be satisfied until there is a Bible faithfully translated in every family on the globe, and the Gospel preached in every city, town, village and neighborhood beneath the sun. We most cordially entreat the Churches and friends of the Cedar Creek Association to perform your part in this mighty and glorious undertaking.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. COBB, Ch'n.

REPORT on Executive Committee.

Cape Fear	T. W. Devane.	Bladen Union	James S. Beard.
Concord	R. Faircloth.	Kingsbury	C. D. Nixon.
Magnolia	W. H. Melvin.	Zion Tabernacle	J. A. Rozier.
Rockfish	J. Musselwhite.	Cypress Creek	J. Jones.
Piney Grove	James Guy.	Fayetteville	J. M. Beasley.
Cedar Creek	A. Melvin.	Saddle Tree	Lewis Humphrey.
Spring Branch	L. Godwin.	Salem	Wm. Autrie.
Baptist Chapel	H. J. Lockaman.	Pleasant Union	R. Fisher.
Green Springs	N. H. Jones.	Piney Green	A. McRae.
Providence	D. W. McGougan.		

Respectfully submitted.

JAS. L. AUTRIE, Ch'n.

REPORT of Executive Committee.

We are necessarily compelled, because of the circumstances with which we are surrounded, to submit a very meagre Report.

We had no Missionary in the field up to last August. Our efforts were directed principally, up to that time, to the payment of the back debts of the Board, and at our last meeting, which was in August, we were enabled to pay the last dollar due by the Board. After which the Board secured the services of Elder A. B. Alderman to labor among the soldiers on the coast of North Carolina, below Wilmington, for at least a good portion of his time up to the Association. He addressed himself to the work as soon thereafter as he could make his arrangements, and continued down there until the yellow fever had spread in and around Wilmington to an alarming extent. He had great encouragement to continue. He would, could he have done so safely. He had the pleasure of Baptizing one willing convert in the broad Atlantic Ocean, and conversed with and prayed for many deeply penitent persons, particularly in the Hospitals. Oh that he could have continued, at least for a while longer. We earnestly recommend to the Association the importance of the work among the soldiers, and hope that an effort will be made to extend the work as much as possible, and that earnest, importunate prayer accompany the work.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. BEASLEY, Pres't Board.

REPORT of Committee appointed to examine applicant for Ordination.

The Committee to whom was assigned the duty to examine Bro. Mercer, an applicant for Ordination, present the following Report:

A special meeting was appointed to be at Gray's Creek M. H., on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in Dec. 1862. At the appointed time and place, a portion of the Committee met the candidate, and after hearing a discourse from him, proceeded to the examination. Elders Alderman, McDaniel and McAlpin were present. Elder McAlpin was requested to act on the Committee. Elder Alderman was requested to act as Chairman. After due examination, it was unanimously deemed inexpedient to recommend Bro. Mercer for Ordination. They recommend that he continue to labor as a *Licentiate*, and study to be useful in that office.

A. B. ALDERMAN, Ch'n.

N. B. The Committee failing to get a meeting for the examination of Bro. Beasley, prior to the Minutes going to press, no report on his case has been received.

SYNOPSIS of the State of the Churches.

Cape Fear.—They have had a revival. H. McAlpin, Pastor.

Concord—Complains of coldness; requests the prayers of the Association. A. B. Alderman, Pastor.

Magnolia.—Nothing special to communicate. W. H. Howard, Pastor.

Rockfish.—Nothing of special interest. No Pastor.

Piney Grove—Laments the cold condition into which they have relaxed, but expresses a better hope for the future. A. B. Alderman, Pastor.

Cedar Creek—Expresses gratitude to God for the glorious outpouring of His Holy Spirit; a large number added to the Church. E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Beaver Creek.—They have had good meetings, with some additions. W. C. West, Pastor.

Kingsbury.—Good congregations, and considerable feeling manifested, with some additions. W. C. West, Pastor.

Fayetteville—Regrets much the spiritual barrenness of the past year. Commends the Pastor's faithful discharge of his duty and hopes a more fruitful season may soon dawn upon them. Jas. McDaniel, Pastor.

Baptist Chapel.—Nothing special. R. Fisher, Pastor.

Spring Branch.—Nothing of special interest. R. Fisher, Pastor.

Salem.—This Church has experienced a gracious revival; a number added by Baptism. W. H. Howard, Pastor.

Piney Green.—Nothing special. W. H. Howard, Pastor.

Providence.—Nothing cheering to communicate. They have a Sabbath School very well attended. John Monroe, Pastor.

Green Spring.—Nothing cheering. J. H. Cobb, Pastor.

Saddle Tree—Have had some additions. They have monthly preaching. J. H. Cobb, Pastor.

Bladen Union.—Nothing special; requests the prayers of the Association. J. H. Cobb, Supply.

Cypress Creek.—Nothing special. Preaching once a month by J. Smith, Licentiate.

Zion Tabernacle—Reports a glorious revival. Elder R. M. Sessoms, Pastor.

Pleasant Union—Reports a gracious revival. W. H. Howard, Pastor.

R. McDANIEL, Ch'n.

Treasurer's Report.

DR. A. Melvin, Treasurer.		
To collection on Sabbath of 1861,	$34 90	
" cash on pledges of 1860 and 1861,	111 76	
" " " " " 1861 and 1862,	32 75	
" Minute Fund of 1861,	33 60	
" unpaid pledges,	42 00	
" collection on Sabbath of 1862,	29 05	
	$284 06	
CR. By cash paid A. B. Alderman,		$157 38
" " " W. C. West,		23 00
" " " R. McDaniel,		46 00
		$226 38

REPORT of Treasurer of Book Depository.

To cash in the Treasury, 1861,	$22 08
" " received from Depository Agent,	47 50
	$69 58

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. BEASLEY.

REPORT of Depository Agent.

1862,
Nov. 6. CR. J. M. Beasley, Treasurer, in account with P. Taylor, Depository Agent.

By Books on hand, 8th Nov. 1861,	$45 67	
" Books on sale,	99 30	
		$144 97
DR. To cash on Book sales,	$47 50	
Books donated by Bro. Howard,	5 00	
" P. Taylor,	20	
Books out on sale,	30 00	
Books on *hand*,	62 27	
		$144 97

Respectfully submitted to the Association.

P. TAYLOR, Depos. Agent.

Subscription to Army Colportage at Spring Branch, Sampson County.

NAMES.	AM'TS.
P. Taylor	$5 00
D. W. McGougan (paid)	5 00
A. Melvin	15 00
D. L. Smith	5 00
Wm. Bryant	5 00
D. J. Davis	50
R. Fisher	2 00
T. W. Devane	5 00
C. D. Nixon	5 00
R. Faircloth	2 00
N. Mercer (paid)	1 00
J. M. Beasley	5 00
D. B. McGougan	5 00
R. McDaniel	15 00
Mrs Catharine White	3 00
Mrs S. A. Layton (paid)	1 00
Cape Fear Church (p'd $12)	25 00

NAMES.	AM'TS.
Concord Church	$10 00
Cedar Creek Church	10 00
Kingsbury "	5 00
Fayetteville "	50 00
Spring Branch "	25 00
Salem " (paid)	20 00
Pleasant Union "	5 00
Piney Green "	5 00
Providence " (paid)	10 00
Green Springs "	10 00
Zion Tabernacle "	5 00
Saddle Tree " (paid)	17 00
Bladen Union "	5 00
Cypress Creek " (paid)	4 00
Mrs. S. A. Layton	1 00
	$286 50

List of Cash Contributions for the Recorder to be sent to the Soldiers.

J. M. Beasley	$3 00
T. W. Devane	2 00
R. McDaniel	2 00
D. W. McGougan	2 00
W. H. Howard	2 00
William Bryant	1 50
P. Taylor	3 00
A. Melvin	3 00
J. Williford	1 00
H. W. Layton	2 00
W. J. Pope	1 00
C. D. Nixon	2 00
Wm. Strickland (51st Reg't)	2 00
J. Sterling	1 00
Jacob West	2 00
H. T. Jackson	3 00
N. E. West	1 00
L. Godwin	1 00
Jas. L. Autrie (Camp Holmes)	1 00
W. Williford	1 00
N. Mercer	1 00
R. Fisher	1 00

J. L. Butler	$1 00
James S. Beard	1 00
A. B. Alderman	1 00
Miss Altha Hawley	1 00
Mrs. M. Layton (51st Reg't)	1 50
Miss L. Hawley	1 00
Mrs V. W. Hawley	50
Mrs L. Naylor	50
Mrs. J. Pope	25
Miss S. Blue	50
Mrs. M. Strickland	25
Miss E. Layton	25
Mrs. C. Horne	30
Mrs. M. Strickland	50
Mrs. A. Jackson	25
Miss J. Strickland	25
Miss J. Blalock	25
Miss R. Bizzell	1 00
Miss K. Daughtry	1 00
Miss S. Dudley	1 00
Mrs. P. E. Alderman	1 00
Miss M. Lauching	25

REPORT on Periodicals.

It is highly important that more enlightened and liberal views should prevail among the members of the several Churches on the subject of Religious Periodicals.

Reports on Periodicals are usual in most of our Associations, and many of them are well written; yet in most instances there is comparatively little good accomplished. We might earnestly recommend two or three worthy papers, and give all the necessary information relative to them, and perhaps spirited and appropriate remarks made on the occasion, after which the Report is adopted and ordered to be appended to the Minutes, and too often this is about the end of it. Now we think it advisable that a practical effort be made annually, at the time the Report is offered, to obtain subscribers to the paper or papers that may be recommended in the Report.

We would, therefore, recommend to the Association, that at each Session an effort be made to obtain new subscribers, or renew others. This would likely work well after two or three years.

We would suggest to the several Ministers the propriety of having the people that attend upon their ministry well supplied with the Recorder. Particularly should this matter be looked after at the close of each revival. The paper that we earnestly recommend is the Biblical Recorder, printed in Raleigh, at $3 a year.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. BEASLEY, Ch'n.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, God's people are commanded to strive together for the faith of the Gospel: and whereas, in union there is greater strength and capacity for assisting in the promotion of Christ's Kingdom on Earth: we, professed disciples of Christ, resolve to unite in an associated capacity on the following Constitution:

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ART. 2. This body shall be composed of Delegates chosen by the Churches connected with it, each Church being entitled to three Delegates.

ART. 3. In the selection of these delegates, the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

ART. 4. The delegates thus selected should bear from their respective churches a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and the interest thereof.

ART. 5. The Association shall select out of their members annually a presiding officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and who shall continue in office until the time for the annual election.

ART. 6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to "law and testimony."

ART. 7. The Association shall have a fund created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

ART. 8. A faithful record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session, which shall be printed and presented to each session.

ART. 9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint an executive committee, to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted; which committee shall be answerable for their official acts to the Association.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship toward any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve proper or Gospel order among their members, nor towards any of her churches and Ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote Gospel principles and order.

ART 11. The Association shall not recognize as valid the ordination of any minister which may take place within the bounds of her churches, without her prior direction or virtual sanction.

ART. 12. It shall be the province of the Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to a seat, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

ART. 13. The annual session of this Association shall be on Tuesday before the first Lord's day in October, at such places as may be chosen.

ART. 14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an introductory sermon preached, and also a charity sermon.

ART. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

RULES OF ORDER

FOR THE

CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. At each assembling for the transaction of business, the presiding officer, (or in his absence the Secretary,) shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a chairman *pro tem* shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, praise and prayer, either by him or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

2. The presiding officer shall, as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association,

in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transacted. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking

3. The names of the delegates shall be called each day of the session, previous to proceeding to business, and the Minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those that reverence God, whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate or make remarks, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the presiding officer; shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

5. When a motion is made without a second it shall not receive attention; but if seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer, or if in writing, shall be read by the Secretary, before debate.

6. After a motion is stated by the presiding officer, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, previous to a discussion.

7. When a question is under debate, no motion or proposition shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for re-consideration thereof on the same day.

9. When a subject is presented, and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration by a vote of the Association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association, by a vote of a majority of the delegates present.

Meetings of the Executive Board at the following times and places, to-wit: Gray's Creek, Saturday before the 2d Sabbath in Dec'r 1862. Providence, Robeson county, Saturday before 5th Sabbath in March 1863. Cedar Creek, Saturday before 5th Sabbath in May. Gray's Creek, Saturday before the 5th Sabbath in August.

STATISTICAL ACCOUNT.

COUNTIES AND CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Males.	Females.	Colored.	Total.	Domestic Fund.	Minute Fund.
CUMBERLAND COUNTY.													
Cape Fear,	T W Devane, *C D Burke, *Uriah Underwood,	5	3			2	2	44	84	136	264	$12	$3 00
Concord,	Elder R Fisher, R Faircloth, Jas L Autrie,				6	2	2	34	66		100	10	2 80
Magnolia,	W H Melvin, Wm Bryant, *H Jones,	2	2			3	2	23	34	4	61		2 50
Rockfish,	*J Musselwhite. Elder W C West, *J W Sandy,			1	1		1	18	34	2	49		1 25
Piney Grove,	James Guy, *J T Honrine, W Coleman,		1				2	18	33	33	84		1 50
Cedar Creek,	A Melvin, V Dowing, D L Smith,	37	1	2	1	1	1	43	91	23	157		3 35
Beaver Creek,	M Strickland,	3	1			4					22		1 50
Kingsbury,	C D Nixon, J West, *John Wood,	1	1				1	15	20		35		2 00
Fayetteville,	Elder Jas McDaniel, R McDaniel, J M Beasley,		4	2	1	2	6				344	25	5 00
SAMPSON COUNTY.													
Baptist Chapel,	*H T Lockamy, O Jackson, *B Jackson,	3	2			5	3	33	64	51	148		3 00
Spring Branch,	Elder A B Alderman, H T Jackson, J Holly,	4				2	4	53	90	12	155		3 00
Salem,	Elder W H Howard, *N Cooper, J L Butler,	11					2	47	69	14	130		2 50
Pleasant Union,	*S Fisher, R Fisher, A M Fisher,	35		1		1	4	35	69	10	114		2 25
Piney Green,	O Royal, *N McLamb, *W Naylor,				2		1	27	50	11	88		1 50
ROBESON COUNTY.													
Providence,	*Elder J H Cobb, D W McGougan, M Ausly,				1		4	5	20	11	36		2 50
Green Springs,	*N H Jones, J N Cashwell, *L R Hall,		2		1	1	2	28	34		62		2 50
Zion Tabernacle,	N Mercer, *H B Howell, *A Allen,	16	2		1						60		1 25
Saddle Tree,	*Wm Powell, *D C Humphrey, *E Carlisle,	4			2	1	1	29	26	36	91		2 00
BLADEN COUNTY.													
Bladen Union,	Wm Hollingsworth, Jas T Beard, *J S Willis,		1	1			2				26		1 25
Cypress Creek,	J B Smith, D Smith, *John Cain,						1	17	31	1	49		1 50
	*Absentees.												$45 65

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

CEDAR CREEK CHURCH,

CUMBERLAND COUNTY, N. C.,

Sept. 29th, 30th, and Oct'r 1st,

1863.

FAYETTEVILLE:
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1864.

wit: A. B. Alderman, J. H Cobb, J. M. Beasley, W. H. Howard and W. C. West.

Elder Weaver, of the Sandy Creek Association, was welcomed to a seat as a Messenger from that body.

Took a recess for 30 minutes.

Called on again. Prayer by Bro. Honrine.

Treasurer's Report received and ordered to be appended.

Treasurer of Book Depository received and ordered to be appended.

Agent of Book Depository reported. Report ordered to be appended.

Committee of Finance reported. Report adopted, with instructions to pay over into the hands of Treasurer.

Appointed James L. Autry and W. H. Melvin to nominate writers on the different subjects for next Session.

Corresponding Messengers to the Raleigh Association called on to report. Report no attendance. Appointed to the Cape Fear—Elder J. M. Beasley, D. W. McGugan and T. W. Devane. To the Union—J. L. Autry, D. Cooper and J. H. Howard. To the Raleigh—P. Taylor, R. McDaniel and T. W. Devane. To the Sandy Creek—J. F. Marsh, P. Taylor and R. McDaniel. Pedee—Eld. J. H. Cobb and S. J. Cobb.

Agreed that the next Session of this Association be held with the Cape Fear Church, at Gray's Creek, commencing Thursday before 1st Sabbath in October 1864. Bro. J. H. Cobb to preach the Introductory Sermon—W. C. West his Alternate. Elder Jas. McDaniel to preach the Charity Sermon—A. B. Alderman his Alternate.

On motion, the Association now gave way for a meeting of the Executive Board.

Called on again and resumed business.

Executive Board reported. Report received and ordered to be appended.

Appointed Elder James McDaniel, R. McDaniel and J. T. Honrine a Committee to nominate the Executive Board for next year.

The writers on the different subjects called on to report.

Domestic Missions—Report received and ordered to be appended.

Foreign Missions—Report not being ready, granted the privilege to the Committee to prepare it and append it to the Minutes.

Ministerial Education—Further time allowed.

Sabbath Schools—Report received and ordered to be appended.

Periodicals—Report the following resolution: Resolved, That we, the Delegates composing the Cedar Creek Baptist Association, do pledge ourselves to subscribe for and use all the influence we possess in the circulation of the Biblical Recorder. T. W. DEVANE, Ch'n.

Appointed R. McDaniel and D. W. McGugan to prepare a Digest on the State of the Churches.

On motion, adjourned to half-past 10 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by Bro. Weaver.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCT. 1—10½ O'CLOCK.

Reading of the Scriptures and Singing by Moderator, and Prayer by Bro. Mercer.

Dismissed Zion Tabernacle Church.

Committee to appoint writers for next Session reported as follows: Home Missions—R. McDaniel, J. T. Honrine and Jas. Guy. Foreign Missions—Elder Jas. McDaniel, P. Taylor and I. Hollingsworth. Ministerial Support—C. D. Nixon, A. Melvin and Thos. McDaniel. Ministerial Education—Elder J. H. Cobb, D. W. McGugan and S. J. Cobb. Sabbath Schools—Elder J. M. Beasley, W. H. Tomlinson, Elder R. Fisher. Periodicals—T. W. Devane, Jas. Plummer and Jas. Marsh. Army Colportage—Elder A. B. Alderman, S. D. Jackson and W. Strickland.

Took a recess for 30 minutes.

Called on again.

Army Colportage Report received and ordered to be appended.

Agreed to allow the Clerk $25 for his services.

Agreed to have printed as many Minutes as the funds in hand sent up will justify.

Agreed that a List of the Ordained Ministers and their Post Offices be appended to the Minutes.

Agreed to alter the 13th Article of the Constitution so as to read, on Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in October.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered, to the inhabitants of this community, for their kindness and hospitality.

Resolved, That all the Pastors of this Association be earnestly requested to present the claims of Army Colportage and Missions to their Churches quarterly, and to forward the collections to the Executive Board of the Association.

Resolved, That each Church composing this Association keep, and send to the next Session of this body, a correct statement of all moneys collected and disbursed during the year, and for what objects or purposes.

On motion, adjourned to time and place before agreed upon for holding next Session. Concluding exercises by Moderator.

A. B. ALDERMAN, Moderator.

R. McDaniel, Clerk.

Collections taken for Army Colportage,	$257 00
To send the Recorder to the Soldiers,	52 60
	$309 60

APPENDIX.

REPORT on Home Missions.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Home Missions, submit the following as their Report:

The claims of this department of christian effort are not inferior to those of any other demanding the attention of the Church. Many have fallen into a great mistake in supposing that the claims of Foreign Missions are of greater importance. The truth is, the support of Foreign Missions depends on the prevalence of christian principle at home. If piety in the Churches in our own land be at a low state—if religious principle be weak, and the sense of obligation and christian sympathy be small, very little effort will be made to send the Gospel abroad to distant nations. We must, as the great Head of the Church commanded, begin at home, begin at Jerusalem. A healthful state of piety in the Churches—a pervading religious principle, as a fountain of living water, will spontaneously send forth streams to refresh and fructify the surrounding regions.

The present war in our land has greatly increased and heightened the claims of the Home Mission Department. Never, in the history of our country, was there a time when christian sympathy and effort were so much needed. To say nothing of the fact that our success in the mighty struggle in which we are engaged for freedom and independence, depends on God's favor towards us, and that deep, pervading, active piety is the sure means of securing the Divine favor; for, "when a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." Thousands of our brethren have been taken from their sanctuaries and from the means of grace which they are accustomed to enjoy, and which they highly prized, and they have been sent to the camp, where the influences surrounding them are calculated to lead to apostacy, or backsliding. To guard them against this declension they should, by all means, be furnished with the Ministry of the Gospel and the means of grace. And there are thousands of the unconverted in the army, many of whom must meet a sudden death. They need a preparation for the bar of God at which they must soon stand to be judged according to the deeds done in the body. They should be furnished with those means of grace which God has appointed for the conversion of souls, and which He has ever blessed to that end, that if they fall on the battle-field they may be able to say in their dying breath, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, and henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

Besides, when the war shall come to a close, as it certainly will at some time, there will be needed a high state of piety in the Churches to meet the demoralization which will be brought home as the result of such a long campaign; and also to keep in proper bounds the disposition to rush headlong into the pursuit of wealth to the almost entire neglect of all spiritual interests and concerns. Great piety will be needed for the return of prosperity; aye, more than ever before. The thirst for the accumulation of wealth will be almost an hundred fold more as the consequence of long, afflictive embarrassment.

Furthermore, it is quite obvious, that within the past two years the Churches in our land generally have lapsed into a lamentable state of supineness and worldliness. A great increase of preaching and religious effort is greatly needed to correct and improve this state of things. The remedy for this existing and prevailing evil should be promptly furnished. For, this evil is progressive and will continue to advance until arrested by appropriate means to check it.

In view of these facts, your Committee think that the Association ought to bestow increased attention and effort to the department of Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
J. McDANIEL, Ch'm.

REPORT on Foreign Missions.

The plan of Redemption being fully completed, the last charge delivered by the victorious Redeemer to his chosen Apostles was, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel (the plan of this redemption) to every creature."

In devising a system to carry out this command, the Foreign Mission enterprise has been established. Through its workings the crowning chorus, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ," will ere long be chanted by seraphic tongues and glorified spirits. Such being the ground of its organization, and such the object to be accomplished by it, argument is unnecessary to enforce its pressing claims and importance upon every one assuming the Christian name and espousing the sacred cause.

We take great pleasure in communicating the fact, that though for the two past years, owing to the distressed state of the country, the main efforts in Missionary operation have been turned to the Home Mission department, yet that operations in the Foreign Mission department have not been entirely paralyzed. From a statement received from our beloved brother, J. B. Taylor, Cor. Sec'y, we learn that we have about 35 Missionaries in the Foreign field, 12 in China, 6 in Central Africa, and the remainder on the coast of Africa.

"Within the past two years (says Bro. Taylor) the Lord has much favored our brethren, and they have been permitted to see not a few yield to His claims. We have been enabled to arrange for their support by the transmission of funds by loans, and in one or two instances by the brethren on the ground. We hope, too, to be able to forward funds with some degree of regularity." Let then, brethren, this information encourage our hearts, and stimulate us to renewed efforts in furnishing what means we can to aid in providing for those heralds of the Cross and embassadors of Jesus.

R. McDANIEL, Ch'n.

REPORT on Army Colportage.

This Christian enterprise is perhaps of all others best adapted to meet the spiritual wants of our people at this time, hundreds of thousands of whom have been called far from their homes and friends, and all the religious influences under which they have been trained; where they are not only exposed to hardships, dangers, disease and death, but temptations of new and varied character. Army Colportage is the only means by which and through which the spiritual wants of these have been supplied. The Colporteur, with his bundle of books, papers and Tracts, together with his conversation in the camp and hospital, and his exhortation in the prayer meetings upon the holy Sabbath, has been shown to be an excellent agency for good in the army. Bro. N. B. Cobb, General Superintendent of Army Colportage and Missions, has been laboring in this department during the past year, by his personal visits in the army as Missionary and Colporteur; and by sending out other Missionaries and Colporteurs, the soldiers, since the first of November 1862, have been supplied with about 2500 Bibles and Testaments and 3,000,000 pages of religious reading in the way of Tracts, &c.

The N. C. Board of Army Missions, which he represents, proposes to furnish all N. C. Chaplains, irrespective of sect or denomination, and all Chaplains of regiments of other States who come into N. C., with religious reading gratuitous. The Board is also anxious to secure the labors, for a month at a time, of the most efficient Ministers who are Pastors, to go as Missionaries into the army. We would urge upon the brethren the importance of co-operating with the Board in sending up funds to defray the expenses of those Pastors of Churches who may feel disposed to comply with said desire of the Board. All moneys can be forwarded to the General Superintendent, Elder N. B. Cobb, Goldsborough, N. C.

Since the 1st of Nov. 1862 we have had employed in this State 18 Army Missionaries and Colporteurs, 12 of whom are now under appointment—1 at Goldsborough, 1 at Kinston, 1 at Wilmington, 1 at Raleigh, 1 at Charleston, 2 in East Tennessee, the remainder in the army of Northern Virginia. Since the battle of Chancellorsville, thousands of soldiers have made a profession of religion, many of them under the ministry of those brethren. Bro. Cobb Baptized 17, Bro. Stradly 6, Bro. W. H. Howard 8. Since the battle of Gettysburg many more have been Baptized by other Ministers and Chaplains. Upwards of 1000 conversions have been reported, and over 2000 are now inquiring for the way of life. Respectfully submitted.

D. W. McGUGAN, Ch'n.

REPORT on Sabbath Schools.

The subject now claiming the attention of your Committee is one of decided importance to our Churches. We are all willing to acknowledge that the institution of a Sabbath School is a good institution, and that there are many advantages to be derived from them; still among our Churches in the country there are but few Sabbath Schools. Why this paradoxical feature among us? Doubtless one reason is, that parents have been raised in part, or wholly, destitute of the advantages of such an institution. What they do not know, and have never realized, does not appear to them to be of any very great intrinsic value to others; consequently there is but little interest felt on their part in such enterprises. On the other hand, those who have long had the advantages of a well disciplined Sabbath School are its warmest friends and advocates. Now are we who are parents to bring up our children as we have been brought up, with no advantages of this sort? If so, then the next generation (in regard to Sabbath Schools at least) will be but little if any farther advanced than the present. The question now is, are we prepared to sit still and look with composure into such a gloomy future? A well regulated Sabbath School is known to be a great auxiliary to the Church. Its tendency is to religious knowledge, intellectual culture, benevolence and other virtues, attendance on public worship, reforming individual character, reforming the character of the whole neighborhood, preventing the formation of evil habits and implanting good ones, reverence for the Sabbath, and obedience to God's word. Its tendency is also to conversion, to gladden the christian parent's heart, to enlarge and strengthen the Church, and to glorify God in body and spirit. It is said that of the Missionaries who have gone from Great Britain to the heathen, nineteen-twentieths became pious at the Sabbath School; and that of the orthodox Ministers in England, who are under 40 years of age, more than two-thirds became pious at the Sabbath School.

The celebrated Mr. Morrison, Missionary in the vast empire of China, who has translated the whole Bible into Chinese—a language spoken by the largest associated population on the globe—became pious at the Sabbath School. O! who can tell how many Brainards, and Buchanans, and Morrisons, and Judsons, and Bowens, and Yeates, God might have given us, if we had been for years back faithful to the interest of the Sabbath School. But alas! alas! what a bane to present and future usefulness and happiness is inconsideration.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. BEASLEY, Ch'n.

REPORT of Executive Committee.

It was agreed at the last session of the Association to direct our Missionary labors among the soldiers on the frontier of our State. To comply with the above understanding, the Board, at its first meeting in December, appointed a Committee to secure the services of a suitable man to labor as above directed. The Committee secured the services of Elder A. B. Alderman; his health soon thereafter failed, and he was unable to go. The Committee were unable to secure the services of another, up to our meeting in March, at which time, through information of Bro. T. W. Devane, we had reason to believe that the services of Bro. B. F. Jessup could be had. After some alteration in the Committee, they were instructed to write Bro Jessup, and if his services could be had, to employ him immediately. They wrote, and obtained his consent. He entered upon his services as Missionary and Colporteur for this Association June 1st 1863, and continued so to labor up to this meeting of the Association. His time has been spent at Fort Caswell, Fort Fisher, Smithville, and some other forts, all of the Hospitals, including those in Wilmington. At all of these places he has distributed.

Testaments, Tracts and Camp Hymn Books. His labors have been received kindly, and still warmly solicited. The Board have been enabled to meet his expenses and a small surplus. May God bless the labors he has bestowed.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. BEASLEY, Ch'n Board.

DIGEST on the Condition of the Churches.

Cape Fear—Good and attentive congregations; peace and harmony, and desires the prayers of the brethren. They have enjoyed the labors for the past year of Elder H. McAlpin.

Concord—Nothing cheering to communicate. Coldness is complained of. Have enjoyed the labors of Elder R. Fisher.

Magnolia—Have had the labors of Elder J. M. Beasley two days in each month. Small congregations in attendance.

Rockfish—They communicate good news; precious meetings, and many added to the Church. Elder West their Pastor.

Piney Grove—Complains of great coldness and hopes for better times. Elder A. B. Alderman has been their Pastor.

Cedar Creek—Nothing special to communicate. Has enjoyed the labors of Elder E. D. Johnson, which they hope have not been bestowed in vain.

Beaver Creek—Has enjoyed a refreshing season. Congregations good. Elder West Pastor.

Kingsbury—Complains of lukewarmness and barrenness. Small congregations. Elder Beasley has labored for them.

Fayetteville Church—Is blessed with a flourishing Sunday School—an average of 130 Scholars and 25 Teachers. Weekly Prayer Meetings kept up. Good congregations. Elder Jas. McDaniel their Pastor

Baptist Chapel—Nothing special. Elder R. Fisher their Pastor.

Spring Branch—Nothing special. Elder Beasley Pastor.

Salem—Good and attentive congregations. They have been under the pastoral care of Elder W. H. Howard, whom they released for a portion of the year, raising among themselves $53, and sending him to preach for the soldiers.

Pleasant Union—For some time has been under the pastoral care of W. H. Howard. Nothing special to communicate.

Providence—Nothing cheering. Elder J. Munroe Pastor

Green Springs—They hope their Pastor's faithful labors (Elder J. H. Cobb) have not been in vain.

Zion Tabernacle—This Church has been blessed with a revival. Several added. R. M. Sessoms their Pastor.

Saddle Tree—Pastor, Elder Cobb. Nothing special to communicate.

Bladen Union—Nothing special to communicate. Elder J. H. Cobb their Pastor.

Cypress Creek—Reports nothing special. They have had the labors of Elder Joab Smith only as a Supply.

Brier Branch—This Church has enjoyed a revival season;—Christians revived, sinners awakened and mourners converted. Elder Joab Smith is their Pastor.

R. McDANIEL, Ch'n.

Treasurer's Report.

Moneys received since the Association of 1862:		
Sabbath collection,		$28 05
For Colportage,		109 75
At Magnolia, for Colportage,		3 50
Concord, " "		3 00
Cedar Creek, " "		10 00
Spring Branch,		14 90
Collection at Providence,		20 75
Cape Fear Church, for Colportage,		8 60
C. D. Nixon, on pledge,		5 00
Collection at Fayetteville on Sabbath,		37 00
D. B. McGugan, on pledge,		5 00
Book Fund,		69 58
Minutes of 1862,		45 65
Sabbath Collection at Cedar Creek,		12 70
Spring Branch, a donation for Colportage,		8 00
Cape Fear Church, on pledge,		11 60
Kingsbury, on pledge,		5 00
" by donation,		5 55
R. Faircloth, on pledge,		2 00
Concord Church, on pledge,		7 60
Sabbath collection at Cape Fear,		11 50
Bladen Union, on pledge of last year,		5 00
Cape Fear, " " "		5 75
Piney Grove, " " "		20 00
Spring Branch, " " "		17 00
Pleasant Union, " " "		5 00
Fayetteville, " " "		50 00
Zion Tabernacle, " " "		5 00
Green Spring, for next year,		7 70
Cypress Creek, " "		18 05
Magnolia, " "		7 00
Brier Branch, " "		13 40
Salem, " "		16 00
Fayetteville Church, a donation,		66 50
Providence, for next year,		11 50
Bladen Union, " "		10 00
Minute Fund of 1863,		88 25
		$771 28
By Cr.		
Paid for printing Minutes of 1862,	$45 65	
Cash sent to Bro. N. B. Cobb,	110 00	
Error in Treasurer's favor,	1 13	
Cash in hand May 30, 1863,	205 65	
Cash to Bro. N. B. Cobb, through J. M. Beasley,	140 00	
		502 43
		$268 85

The foregoing account examined and found correct.

J. M. BEASLEY, Ch'n.
C. D. NIXON.

REPORT of Treasurer of Book Depository.

To cash in hand up to Nov. 1862,	$69 58	
To cash received from the Depository Agent since last Report,	76 50	$146 08
Cr.		
By amount paid Elder N. B. Cobb for Colporteur purposes,	$65 80	
By amount paid Treasurer of Association,	3 78	69 58
Cash now in Treasury,		$76 50

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. BEASLEY, Treas'r.

Book Concern.

J. M. Beasley, Treas'r, in account with P. Taylor, Depos. Ag't. Cr.

By Books on hand,	$98 00
Books out on sale,	33 00
	$131 00

Dr.		
To profit on sales,	$55 50	
Cash,	75 50	$131 00

P. TAYLOR, Depository Ag't.

Executive Board.

Cape Fear—T. W. Devane.
Concord—R. Faircloth.
Magnolia—W. H. Melvin.
Rockfish—J. Musselwhite.
Piney Grove—James Guy.
Cedar Creek—A. Melvin.
Spring Branch—N. E. West.
Baptist Chapel—H. J. Lockaman.
Green Springs—N. H. Jones.
Providence—D. W. McGugan.
Bladen Union—Wm. Hollingsworth.
Kingsbury—C. D. Nixon.
Cypress Creek—J. Jones.
Fayetteville—J. M. Beasley.
Saddle Tree—P. Carlisle.
Pleasant Union—J. C. Howard.
Piney Green—A. McRae.
Brier Branch—W. T. Jessup.

JAS. McDANIEL, Ch'n.

LIST of Ordained Ministers and their Post Offices.

A. B. Alderman,	Hawley's Store, Sampson County.
Reuben Fisher,	Blockersville, Cumberland County.
W. H. Howard,	Clinton, Sampson County.
B. F. Jessup,	Terebinth, Cumberland County.
J. H. Cobb,	Lumber Bridge, Robeson County.
W. C. West,	Rockfish, Cumberland County.
F. H. Ivey,	Athens, Georgia.
James McDaniel,	Fayetteville.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

COUNTIES AND CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead	Males.	Females.	Colored.	Total.	Domestic Fund	Minute Fund.
CUMBERLAND COUNTY													
Cape Fear,	James Plummer, James Thames, T W Devane,	5	......	......	2	1	4	39	87	143	269	....	$7 25
Concord,	R Fisher, R Faircloth, J L Autry,	......	1	......	2	......	4	29	63	......	92	....	4 00
Magnolia,	W H Melvin, *William Bryant, G Faircloth,	......	......	......	......	2	1	17	32	4	53	$7 00	4 [illegible]
Rockfish,	John Musselwhite, *D Gurley, E W Musselwhite,	15	2	4	11	......	......	......	......	......	58	....	5 [illegible]
Piney Grove,	James Guy, J T Honrine, *S J Guy,	......	......	......	......	3	1	16	30	34	80	....	3 00
Cedar Creek,	B F Jessup, W S Hair, G R Thaggard,	1	1	......	......	1	2	42	88	27	157	....	5 00
Beaver Creek,	W C West, M Strickland, *T Smith,	33	10	3	......	......	2	......	......	......	66	....	5 00
Kingsbury,	C D Nixon, James Giles, Joseph Piner,	......	......	......	......	......	......	24	6	4	34	....	4 00
Fayetteville,	James McDaniel, R McDaniel, J M Beasley,	2	6	......	3	16	10	......		100	324	100 00	10 00
SAMPSON COUNTY													
Baptist Chapel,	B Jackson, O Jackson, James D Malloy,	2	......	......	......	6	5	28	62	50	140	....	4 50
Spring Branch,	A B Alderman, N E West, *S D Jackson,	......	......	......	......	......	5	47	89	12	148	....	6 00
Salem,	M Howard, J R Cooper, D Cooper,	......	......	......	......	......	6	41	70	12	123	16 00	5 50
Pleasant Union,	R Fisher, *C Sessoms, E Smith,	......	......	......	......	1	4	30	74	9	113	....	3 50
Piney Green,	....	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	....	....
ROBESON COUNTY.													
Providence,	*J H Cobb, D W McGugan,	1	......	......	......	......	......	7	20	11	38	....	5 00
Green Springs,	E Fisher, J N Cashwell, N H Jones,	......	1	1	......	......	2	26	34	......	60	7 60	3 00
Saddle Tree,	*W W Powell, *S Carlisle, *D C Humphrey,	1	......	......	1	......	3	27	24	34	85	15 00	3 00
BLADEN COUNTY.													
Bladen Union,	Wm Hollingsworth, *J S Willis, *James Beard,	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	26	....	2 00
Cypress Creek,	J Jones, M R Smith, B Smith,	11	2	......	1	......	3	19	28	1	[illegible]	....	3 00
Brier Branch,	W T Jessup, J H Tatum, W Downing,	17	......	3	......	......	3	36	89	3	128	3 40	4 00
		88	23	11	20	30	55	418	816	444	2052	159 00	$88 25

*Absentees.

CONSTITUTION

Of the Cedar Creek Baptist Association.

Whereas, God's people are commanded to strive together for the faith of the Gospel: and whereas, in union there is greater strength and capacity for assisting in the promotion of Christ's Kingdom on Earth: we, professed disciples of Christ, resolve to unite in an associated capacity on the following Constitution:

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the "Cedar Creek Baptist Association of North Carolina."

Art. 2. This body shall be composed of Delegates chosen by the Churches connected with it, each Church being entitled to three Delegates.

Art. 3. In the selection of these delegates, the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

Art. 4. The delegates thus selected should bear from their respective churches a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and the interest thereof.

Art. 5. The Association shall select out of their members annually a presiding officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and who shall continue in office until the time for the annual election.

Art. 6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to "law and testimony."

Art. 7. The Association shall have a fund created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

Art. 8. A faithful record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session, which shall be printed and presented to each session.

Art. 9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint an executive committee, to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted; which committee shall be answerable for their official acts to the Association.

Art. 10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship toward any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve proper or Gospel order among their members, nor towards any of her churches and Ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote Gospel principles and order.

Art. 11. The Association shall not recognize as valid the ordination of any Minister which may take place within the bounds of her churches, without her prior direction or virtual sanction.

Art. 12. It shall be the province of the Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to a seat, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

Art. 13. The annual session of this Association shall be on Thursday before the first Sabbath in October at such places as may be chosen.

Art. 14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an introductory sermon preached, and also a charity sermon.

Art. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH SESSIONS

OF THE

CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH THE CHURCHES AT

CAPE FEAR AND SALEM,

SEPT. 29TH—OCT. 2D, 1864, AND SEPT. 28TH, OCT. 1ST, 1865.

RALEIGH:
BIBLICAL RECORDER BOOK AND JOB PRINTING OFFICE.
1866.

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, September 29, 1864.

The introductory sermon was preached according to appointment, by Elder J. H. Cobb, from the 13th chapter of Mark, 37th verse: "What I say unto you I say unto all, watch."

After an intermission of 30 minutes, the Association was called to order by Elder A. B. Alderman, and organized by reading a portion of Scripture, and singing, and prayer by brother R. McDaniel.

Appointed D. W. McGougan, Assistant Clerk.

Appointed A. Melvin and N. H. Jones, a Committee of Finance.

Appointed the Pastor and Deacons, and brother Joseph Thames, to arrange the preaching exercises.

Called for Church Letters, which were presented, read, and the Delegates names enrolled.

Re-elected former officers, to wit: Elder A. B. Alderman, Moderator; R. McDaniel, Clerk; A. Melvin, Treasurer.

Extended an invitation to Churches to unite by membership.

The Beaver Dam Church presented by Delegates and Letter, and was received.

Appointed Elder J. M. Beasley, S. Mims and R. McDaniel, a committee to arrange the business for the Association.

Appointed the male members of the Cape Fear Church a Committee of Vigilance.

Extended an invitation to visiting and corresponding brethren to seats. Elder E. D. Johnson from the Cape Fear Association, and J. J. Newton, from the Union Association, presented themselves.

Appointed F. W. Devane and J. T. Hourine a Committee to Audit Treasurer's Account.

Agreed that one-half hour of each day during the session, be devoted to special prayer to Almighty God for our soldiers and country.

Appointed R. McDaniel and D. W. McGougan a Committee to prepare a digest on the state of the Churches as indicated by the Letters.

On motion, adjourned to 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder E. D. Johnson.

FRIDAY MORNING, 10 O'clock.

Reading of the Scriptures and singing by Moderator, and prayer by Elder Joab Smith.

Renewed the invitation to visiting and corresponding brethren.

Committee of Arrangement of Business reported and were discharged.

Agent of Book Depository reported. Report ordered to be appended.

Agreed that the Agent have $25 for his past services.

Treasurer of Book Depository reported. Report received, ordered to be appended.

Called for report of Corresponding Messengers to Sister Associations.

Elder J. M. Beasley and D. W. McGougan attended the Cape Fear Association, were cordially received and warmly solicited to continue the correspondence.

To the Raleigh—Circumstances forbade the attendance of the Messengers.

To the Sandy Creek—Brother J. F. Marsh attended, and was cordially received.

The Messengers to the Union were unable to attend.

To the Pedee—A letter of correspondence was sent, which was received.

Appointed the following Messengers of Correspondence:

To the Raleigh Association—Elder A. B. Alderman and W. Williford.

To the Cape Fear—Elders W. C. West and B. F. Jessup, and brother J. Musselwhite.

To the Union—Elders B. F. Jessup, J. M. Beasley, and W. H. Howard.

To the Pedee—Elders B. F. Jessup, J. H. Cobb, S. J. Cobb, and D. W. McGougan.

To the Sandy Creek—Elder R. Fisher, J. T. Hourine, and J. F. Marsh.

Report of Executive Board called for; presented, read, and ordered to be appended.

Appointed J. T. Hourine and P. Taylor, a Committee to nominate the Executive Board for the ensuing year.

Called for the reports of the writers on the different subjects.

Domestic Missions—The report not being prepared, the Committee was granted the privilege to prepare and append it to the Minutes.

Foreign Missions—Report not being ready, the Committee was instructed to prepare it, and have it appended.

Army Colportage—Report received and ordered to be appended.

Sabbath Schools—Report received and ordered to be apdended.

Ministerial Support—No report.

Ministerial Education—The chairman submitted, verbally, that the state of the country is such, that the Committee can devise no plan by which a young Minister can be educated.

Report on Periodicals was presented, read, and ordered to be appended. Prior to its adoption, remarks were made by several of the brethren, and a collection amounting to $200 taken up to send Recorder to the soldiers.

The Committee to Audit Treasurer's Account reported; report received and ordered to be appended.

The hour of twelve and half o'clock having arrived, called off for the space of time agreed upon for special prayer for the soldiers and country; after which took a recess for thirty minutes.

Called on again, and resumed business.

Appointed Elders A. B. Alderman, J. M. Beasley, J. H. Cobb, W. H. Howard, and W. C. West, a Presbytery to examine and ordain applicants until the next session of the Association.

The Association now gave way to a meeting of the Executive Board.

Called on again.

Committee to appoint Executive Board called on to report. Report received, and ordered to be appended.

Agreed that our next session be held with the Salem Church, Sampson county, N. C., to commence ten-and-a-half o'clock on Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in October, 1865.

Elder W. C. West to preach the Introductory Sermon.—Elder R. Fisher his alternate. Elder J. M Beasley to preach the Charity Sermon on Sabbath. Elder J. H. Cobb, alternate.

On motion, adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by brother D. J. Maclemore.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 1st.

Reading of Scriptures and singing by Moderator, and rayer by Elder R. Fisher.

The names of the Delegates called, and absentees marked.
Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Resolved, That we, the ministers and members of the Executive Board, pledge ourselves to attend all the meetings of the Board when circumstances will justify.

Suspended business for special prayer; after which took a recess for 30 minutes.

Called on again, and resumed business.

Appointed the following Committees to prepare reports for the next session:

On Foreign Missions—Elders James McDaniel and A. B. Alderman.

Domestic Missions—Joseph Thames and William Hollingsworth.

Army Missions—Elder B. F. Jessup and T. W. Devane.

Ministerial Education and Support—D. W. McGougan, and R. McDaniel.

Sabbath Schools—P. Taylor and Elder J. M. Beasley.

Periodicals—N. H. Jones and Elder W. C. West.

Agreed that a list of the Ordained Ministers and their Post Offices be appended to the Minutes.

Agreed that the Clerk have as many Minutes printed as the funds in hand will justify.

Agreed to allow the Clerk $25 for his services.

Report of the Presbytery called for; read and adopted.

The Committee to Audit Treasurer's Account reported.—Report received and ordered to be appended.

Committee of Finance reported. Report received.

Agreed that the Treasurer pay to Elder J. M. Beasley $300 to be sent to Elder N. B. Cobb, General Superintendent of Army Colportage.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are extended to the inhabitants of this community for their kindness and hospitality.

Agreed that all the funds of this body be transferred to the hands of the Treasurer.

Read and approved the minutes.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of holding next session. Concluding exercises conducted by the Moderator.

A. B. ALDERMAN, Moderator.

R. McDaniel, Clerk.

SABBATH.

A large and intelligent congregation of white people were first addressed by Elder J. M. Beasley, from Hebrews, 3rd chapter, and 13th verse, "But exhort one another daily while it is called to-day: lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."

After an intermission of 30 minutes, another discourse was delivered by Elder James McDaniel from Zechariah, 14th chapter, 20th and 21st verses: "Holiness unto the Lord, and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar: Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judea shall be holiness unto the Lord of Hosts; and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the Lord of Hosts."

At the conclusion of this discourse, a collection was taken up in behalf of the Southern Baptist Board of Missions, amounting to $695.

Two discourses were delivered to the colored people at the stand.

APPENDIX.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.	A. Melvin Treasurer.		
	To cash paid over by D. W. McGougan, Secretary of the Board,	$610 55	
1864.			
CR.	By cash paid to Elder N. B. Cobb, General Superintendent of Army Colportage,		$311 00
	By cash to R. McDaniel for Minutes,		85 00
	" " " Elder W. H. Howard,		67 50
	" " in hand,		147 05
			$610 55

Your Committee have examined the above, and find it correct.

T. W. DEVANE, Chairman.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOOK DEPOSITORY.

To cash remaining in the Treasury since last report,	$76 50
" " received from Depository Agent,	12 75
	$89 25

Would recommend the above fund to be transfered to Army Colportage.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. BEASLY, Treasurer.

REPORT OF DEPOSITORY AGENT.

By Books on hand,		$73 50
Dr.		
To books on sale,	$25 50	
" Cash,	12 70	
" Books on hand,	35 30	
		$73 50

Respectfully submitted, P. TAYLOR, Agent.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1864.

Churches.	Committee Men.
Cape Fear,	T. W. Devane,
Concord,	R. Faircloth,
Magnolia,	W. H. Melvin,
Rockfish,	J. Musselwhite,
Piney Grove,	James Guy,
Cedar Creek,	A. Melvin,
Spring Branch,	Elder J. M. Beasley,
Baptist Chapel,	A. Jackson,
Green Springs,	N. H. Jones,
Providence,	D. W. McGougan,
Bladen Union,	Wm. Hollingsworth,
Kingsbury,	C. D. Nixon,
Cypress Creek,	J. Jones,
Fayetteville,	R. McDaniel,
Saddle Tree,	E. Carlisle,
Pleasant Union,	Elder R. Fisher,
Piney Green,	A. McRae,
Brier Branch,	W. T. Jessup,
Salem,	J. C. Howard,
Beaver Creek,	M. Strickland,
Beaver Dam,	P. P. Rollins,

A DIGEST OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES AS INDICATED BY THE LETTERS.

Cape Fear—All in peace and harmony—have enjoyed a precious revival the past year. Elder E. D. Johnson is their Pastor.

Concord—Complains of coldness. Begs to be remembered in prayer. Elder R. Fisher their Pastor.

Magnolia—Has had some accessions—has a very flourishing Sabbath school.—Elder J. M. Beasley is their Pastor.

Rockfish—Coldness prevails, though not destitute of some interest. Elder J. M. Beasley is their Pastor.

Piney Grove—Are in peace and harmony, but coldness prevails, and request the prayers of God's people. Elder A. B. Alderman their Pastor.

Cedar Creek—Congregations large and attentive, with good feeling and some accessions. Elder E. D. Johnson their Pastor.

Beaver Creek—Has been blessed with a revival. Elder W. C. West their Pastor.

Kingsbury—Congregations small—nothing cheering. Elder J. M. Beasley Pastor.

Fayetteville—Has been greatly revived and blest, over 100 accessions the past year—has an interesting Sabbath School. Elder James McDaniel their Pastor.

Baptist Chapel—Nothing special. Elder R. Fisher their Pastor.

Spring Branch—Has had a gracious revival—a number of accessions. Elder J. M. Beasly their Pastor.

Salem—Nothing special. Elder G. S. Best their Pastor.

Pleasant Union—Coldness prevails. W. H. Howard their Pastor.

Providence—Peace and harmony exist, and have an interesting Sabbath School. Elder J. Monroe their Pastor.

Green Springs—Nothing special. Elder J. H. Cobb their Pastor.

Bladen Union—Nothing special. Elder J. H. Cobb their Pastor.

Cypress Creek—Communicates nothing special. Elder J. Smith their Pastor.

Saddle Tree—Large and attentive congregations. Elder J. H. Cobb their Pastor.

Beaver Dam—Reports nothing interesting. Elder H. McAlpin their Pastor.

Respectfully submitted.

STATISTICAL ACCOUNT.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Males.	Females.	Colored.	Total.	Domestic Fund.	Minute Fund.
Cape Fear,	T. W. Devane, J. T. Tolar, James Plummer,	52	6	6	10		3	46	95	161	302	$	$10.00
Concord,	Elder R. Fisher, R. Faircloth, N. Hall,					1	1	28	62		90		3.00
Magnolia,	Levi Bryant, W. H. Melvin, A. McR. Averett,	2	1					22	35	4	61		4.30
Rockfish,	J. Musselwhite, D. Gurley, E. W. Musselwhite,		2	4	4	1	1			3	56		6.50
Piney Grove,	J. T. Hourine, Jos. Taylor, James Guy,						1	15	30	34	79		5.00
Cedar Creek,	A. Melvin, Elder B. F. Jessup, V. Downing,	6	2			2	1	40	87	26	153	27 16	10.00
Beaver Creek,	Elder W. C. West, J. Phillips, D. Shaw,	37	11	2	6	1	1	27	83		110		10.05
Kingsbury,	Jesse Page, Jos. Piner,* J. Giles,*							13	16	4	33		6.05
Fayetteville,	Elder James McDaniel, S. Mims, R. McDaniel,	110	10	5	1	4	10			100	430	100 00	35.00
Baptist Chapel,	J. Jackson, O. Jackson, W. C. Jackson,*	1						28	63	50	141	16 00	10.00
Spring Branch,	Eld. A. B. Alderman, Eld. J. M. Beasley, G. W. Strickland,*	62	3				5	70	126	15	211		12.30
Salem,	Elder W. H. Howard, M. Howard,* J. C. Howard,*		2		1	1	2	38	68	11	117		20.00
Pleasant Union,	S. Fisher,* R. Fisher,* D. Bedsole,*	2					1	32	74	9	115		4.00
Piney Green,													5.00
Providence,	Elder J. H. Cobb, D. W. McGougan, M. Autrey,			1			1	8	19	11	38		10.00
Green Spring,	N. H. Jones, E. Fisher, N. Johnson,		2		6		1	24	31		55		6.70
Saddle Tree,	E. Carlisle, S. B. Rozier,* Wm. Powell,	3	3			7	1				83		5.00
Bladen Union,	Wm. Hollingsworth, R. Riddle,* Jas. Davis,		5			1	2	13	14	1	28		5.00
Cypress Creek,	J. Cain, D. Smith, B. Smith,*	5		2		2	1	19	41	2	62		9.30
Brier Branch,	W. Suggs, J. H. Tatum,* J. Downing,	4				2	1	36	85	3	124		5.00
Beaver Dam,	P. P. Rollins, Elder J. Smith, G. B. Melvin,*	5	1	1		6	5				140		16.60
	*Absentees marked.	289	48	14	28	28	38	459	929	489	2307	143 16	203.90

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION.

SALEM CHURCH, SAMPSON COUNTY, Sept. 28, 1865.

The Introductory sermon, in the absence of the appointee, was preached by Elder J. Smith, from 3rd chapter of John, 16th verse.

After an intermission of half an hour, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, with reading a Psalm and singing, and prayer by Elder Jas. McDaniel.

Appointed W. H. Howard, N. Cooper, and V. Howard a Committee to arrange the preaching exercises.

Appointed D. W. Gougan Assistant Clerk.

Appointed A. Melvin and J. L. Autry Committee of Finance.

Called the list of Churches; a majority being represented, read the letters and enrolled the names of delegates.

The term of the officership of the Association having now expired, the Association proceeded to ballot for a new election, which resulted in the election of the former officers, to wit: Elder A. B. Alderman, Moderator; R. McDaniel, Clerk; and A. Melvin, Treasurer.

Extended an invitation to Corresponding and Visiting brethren. Elder H. McAlpin presented himself from the Union Association, and was welcomed to a seat.

On motion, the Constitution and Rules of Order were read.

Appointed the Deacons and male members of the Church at this place, a Committee of Vigilance.

Appointed R. McDaniel and D. W. McGougan a Committee to Audit the Treasurer's Account.

On motion, adjourned over to morrow 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder J. Smith.

FRIDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Session opened with reading Scriptures and singing by the Moderator, and prayer by Elder H. McAlpin.

Called for Treasurer's report, which was presented, and ordered to be appended to the minutes.

Called for the report of the Executive Board. Report received.

Agreed to publish the business portion of the Minutes of the session of 1864, with the Minutes of the present session, embracing the Constitution and Rules of Order, dispensing with all general reports of both sessions.

Extended an invitation to Corresponding Messengers.

Elder Wm. S. Melvin from the Cape Fear Association, presented himself, bearing a statement of the operations of their last session.

Corresponding Messengers to Sister Associations called on to report.

Brother D. W. McGougan reported having attended the Cape Fear, being cordially received and much delighted.

On motion, the 13th article of the Constitution was amended to read as follows: "The annual session of this Association shall be on Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in October, at such place as may be chosen."

Agreed that the next session be held with the Church at Beaver Dam, Bladen County, commencing at half past ten o'clock, A. M., Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1866.

Appointed Elder A. B. Alderman to preach the Introductory sermon. Alternate, Elder R. Fisher.

Appointed Elder James McDaniel to preach the Charity sermon on Sabbath. Elder J. M. Beasley, Alternate.

Appointed Elder B. F. Jessup and D. W. McGougan, Corresponding Messengers to the Cape Fear Association; Elders J. McDaniel and J. M. Beasley, to the Union. Elder J. McDaniel, Elder J. M. Beasly, and R. McDaniel, to the Sandy Creek. S. J. Cobb, and G. E. Cobb, to the Pedee.

Appointed J. L. Autry and A. Melvin a committee to to select and report writers and subjects of reports for next session.

Appointed Elder R. Fisher and Elder J. Smith a committee to report the Executive Board for the ensuing year.

Appointed J. Hollingsworth and B. F. Jessup a committee to prepare a Digest of the State of the Churches.

Agreed that the Clerk have $20 for his services.

Agreed to print as many Minutes as the funds sent will justify, and that they be distributed to each Church according to the amount sent.

Committee to report subjects and writers for next session, reported as follows:

Domestic Missions—Elder J. M. Beasley and James Guy.
Foreign Missions—Elder James McDaniel and R. McDaniel.
Ministerial Education—Isaac Hollingsworth and P. Taylor.
Ministerial Support—Elder A. B. Alderman and S. D. Jackson.
Sabbath Schools—D. W. McGougan and Elder J. H. Cobb.
Periodicals—T. W Devane and P. P. Rollins.
Temperance—J. T. Hourine and J. B. Hourine.

Took a recess for half an hour.

Called on again.

On motion, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be earnestly requsted to require the Missionary who may be appointed by them, not only to preach the Gospel where he may labor, but to labor to establish Sabbath Schools and Sabbath prayer meetings in those Churches where the Church has seldom opportunity to attend preaching.

On motion, the query from the Piney Green Church was now called up, to wit:

QUERY—Will the Association regard one of her Churches as in order, to admit a Free Will Church to worship in the meeting house of that Church, when the members of the Free Will Church have attempted to wrest the property from the possession of said Church?

ANSWER—The Association advise the Piney Green Church, under the circumstances, to require the Free Will Church to cease to worship in their meeting house.

The following resolution was read, and, on motion, laid upon the table, to be called up to-morrow morning, viz:

Resolved, That this Association does not regard Baptisms administered by Free Will Baptists, as valid.

Called for reports of the Treasurer, and Agent of the Book Depository. Reports adopted. (See Appendix.)

Appointed Elders James McDaniel, J. B. Hardwick, J. M. Beasley, A. B. Alderman, J. H. Cobb, W. H. Howard, and W. C. West, a Presbytery to examine and ordain applicants for ordaination. Five of the number to constitute a quorum.

Presbytery of last year called on to report. Report received.

On motion, adjourned until half past nine o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Elder J. M. Beasley.

SATURDAY MORNING, Sept. 30th.

Met according to adjournment.

Reading Scriptures and singing by Moderator, and prayer by Elder W. S. Melvin.

Elder G. S. Best, of the Union Association, was welcomed to a seat.

Resolution to be called up this morning, was now taken up, and after considerable discussion, was adopted.

Committee to appoint an Executive Board for the ensuing year, reported. Report received and adopted.

Agreed to give way immediately after the recess to a meeting of the Executive Board.

Took a recess for 30 minutes.

Called on and resumed business.

Letters of Correspondence to Sister Associations called for; read and approved.

The Digest on the state of the Churches called for; read and approved.

On motion, the thanks of the body are extended to the inhabitants of this community for their hospitality during the session.

Agreed that unfinished business be referred to the next meeting of the Executive Board.

On motion, adjourned to time and place appointed to hold next session.

Prayer by Elder G. S. Best.

A. B. ALDERMAN, Moderator.

R. McDANIEL, Clerk,

SABBATH.

A very large congregation was addressed at half-past ten o'clock, by Elder J. McDaniel from 13th chapter of John, 10th verse: "He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit."

After an intermission of half an hour, the congregation was again addressed by Elder J. M. Beasly, from Isaiah 62d chapter, 1st verse: "For Zion's sake I will not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake, I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth."

At the conclusion of this discourse a collection was taken up, after which the parting hand was affectionately and feelingly extended by the congregation to the ministers, thus closing a most harmonious and pleasant session.

APPENDIX.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

A. Melvin, Treasurer of the Cedar Creek Baptist Association.

Dr.	To caash in hand, January 1865,	$565 35	
Cr.	By cash paid to Elder W. H. Howard,		$100 00
" "	in hand to ballance,		465 35
			$565 35

Your committee find the above to be the state of the Treasury at the time of the passing of the Northern army, at which time both money and papers were destroyed. COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The first meeting this year was with the Church at Cypress Creek. The first business that claimed the attention of the Board, was to secure the services of a Missionary to labor with the Churches most destitute—to search out the most destitute places, and to extend our bounds wherever he might find uncultivated territory. To accomplish this object, the Board secured the services of Elder W. C. West, at a salary of $5 per day. He traveled 20 days up to the 5th Sabbath in January—baptized 16 persons and received 10 others to baptism, and collected $100 for the Board.

Our next work was to secure the services of some one to labor as Missionary and Colporter among the soldiers around Wilmington, N. C. Elder R. Fisher received the appointment, and would have entered upon his labors in due time but for personal affliction. Soon after this, our purposes of doing good in that department were disappointed. Our funds at our last meeting were ample to carry on the good work, as is manifest from the Treasurer's report. We have had no meeting since January last, the distress brought upon the country by the passing of the Northern army completely paralyzing all operations up to the present time.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. BEASLEY, Chairman.

REPORT OF TREASURER AND AGENT OF BOOK DEPOSITORY.

There being no change, reference can be had to the accompanying Minutes of the session of 1864.

DIGEST ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Cape Fear—Has experienced a generous revival—25 added by baptism. E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Concord—Has experienced a revival—has a flourishing Sabbath School of 60 scholars. R. Fisher, Pastor.

Magnolia—Has experienced a revival—28 added by baptism—has a flourishing Sabbath School of 40 scholars. J. M. Beasley, Pastor.

Rockfish—Nothing special. W. C. West, Pastor.

Piney Grove—Is enjoying peace and harmony with some accessions. A. B. Alderman, Pastor.

Cedar Creek—Has had precious meetings and several accessions by baptism. E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Fayetteville—Has large and attentive congregations, but nothing of general interest is communicated. Has a large Sabbath School, numbering some 130. J. McDaniel, Pastor.

Baptist Chapel—Nothing special. R. Fisher, Pastor.

Spring Branch—Has experienced a gracious season—18 added by baptism. J. M. Beasley, Pastor.

Salem—Has large and attentive congregations—no special interest communicated—all in peace. G. S. Best, Pastor.

Pleasant Union—In peace and love. W. H. Howard, Pastor.

Piney Green—Nothing special. Have enjoyed the labors of W. H. Howard.

Providence—Nothing cheering to communicate. J. Monroe, Pastor.

Green Spring Nothing of special interest communicated. J. H. Cobb, Pastor.

Saddle Tree—Peace and harmony prevail. J. H. Cobb, Pastor.

Bladen Union—Nothing special. J. H. Cobb, Pastor.

Cypress Creek—Has had precious meetings. Joab Smith, Pastor.

Brier Branch—Nothing special. F. Prevatt, Pastor.

Beaver Dam—Has had precious seasons—20 added by Baptism. H. McAlpin, Pastor.

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTFE.

Your committee to nominate an Executive Board, submit the following:

CHURCHES.	COMMITTEE MEN.
Cape Fear,	Joseph Thames,
Concord,	R. Faircloth,
Magnolia,	W. H. Melvin,
Rockfish,	J. Musselwhite,
Piney Grove,	James Guy,
Cedar Creek,	A. Melvin,
Spring Branch,	J. M. Beasley,
Baptist Chapel,	A. Jackson,
Green Springs,	N. H. Jones,
Providence,	D. W. McGougan,
Bladen Union,	Wm. Hollingsworth,
Kingsbury,	C. D. Nixon,
Cypress Creek.	J. Jones,
Fayetteville,	R. McDaniel,
Saddle Tree,	E. Carlisle,
Pleasant Union,	R. Fisher,
Piney Green,	A. McRae,
Brier Branch,	W. T. Jessup,
Salem,	J. C. Howard,
Beaver Creek,	M. Strickland,
Beaver Dam,	P. P. Rollins.

R. FISHER, Chairman.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

A. B. Alderman,	Hawley's Store, Sampson County, N. C.
Reuben Fisher,	Blockersville, Cumberland, County.
W. H. Howard,	Clinton, Sampson County.
B. F. Jessup,	Terebinth, Cumberland County.
J. H. Cobb,	Fayetteville, Cumberland County.
W. C. West,	Rockfish, Cumberland County.
F. H. Ivey,	Athens, Georgia.
James McDaniel,	Fayetteville, Cumberland, N. C.
J. M. Beasley,	" " "
J. B. Hardwick,	" " "
J Smith,	" " "

STATISTICAL ACCOUNT.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Males.	Females.	Co'ored.	Total.	Domestic Missions.	Minute Fund.
Cape Fear,	J. T. Tolar, R. J. Fennel,* T. W. Devane,	25	2	3	3	4	3	47	98	159	324		$ 5 50
Concord,	E'der R. Fisher, J. L. Autry, D. J. Davis,	15		4	1	2	2	30	68		98		3 20
Magnolia,	Wm. Bryant, W. H. Melvin, H. L. Hall,*	28	6	3		2	3	33	54	4	91		3 00
Rockfish,	John Musselwhite, D. Gerly, T. H. Massy,		2	1		1	1				56		2 00
Piney Grove,	James Guy, S. J. Guy, W. J. Taylor,	4					2	13	31	20	64		2 00
Cedar Creek,	E der B. F. Jessup, A. Melvin, D. P. West,	6	1				5	36	93	17	146		3 15
Beaver Creek,	Elder W. C. West, E. Dees, J. Holt,					4		24	74		98		
Kingsbury,													
Fayetteville,	Elder Jas. McDaniel, R. McDaniel, J. Hollingsworth,		3		1	6	4	71	248	100	429		5 00
Baptist Chapel,	B. Jackson, J. D. Malloy, O. Jackson,					5	5	23	62	49	134		3 00
Spring Branch,	E der A. B. Alderman, E der J. M. Beasley, S. D. Jackson,	18					15				217		5 00
Salem,	M. Howard, J. C. Howard, D. Cooper,	4					3	40	68	11	119		4 00
Pleasant Union,	W. J. Howard, L. D. Sessoms, O. Sessoms,						2				106		2 00
Piney Green,	N. McClamb, W. B. Roya , R. Draughan,					12		20	31	9	60		1 75
Providence,	D. W. McGougan, M. Ausley, J. Lancaster,	2									38		3 00
Green Springs	J. N. Cashwell, L. R. Hall, J. Smith,	2			3		3	22	31		53		3 00
Saddle Tree,	L. Humphry, J. M. Conally, A. Biggs,		7			1	2				84		2 50
Baden Union,	Wm. Hollingsworth, J. S. Willis,* Jas. M. Tolar,*					1		10	14	3	27		2 00
Cypress Creek,	A. S. Smith, E. Peterson, K. Smith,	5	1	2			3	20	45	4	69		2 00
Brier Branch,	J. H. Tatum, E. J. Cain,* D. S. Tatum,				4		2				109		2 00
Beaver Dam,	Elder J. Smith, D. C. Shaw,* P. P. Rollins,	20			2	4	7	43	87	19	149		3 00
	*Absentees marked.	129	22	13	14	42	62	432	1004	395	2471		$57 10

A. B. Alderman

MINUTES

OF THE

NINTH SESSION

OF THE

CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT BEAVER DAM,

BLADEN COUNTY, N. C.,

October the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st,

1866.

FAYETTEVILLE:
N. C. PRESBYTERIAN OFFICE.
1867.

Report on Ministerial support written by:
A. B. Alderman
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MINUTES.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1866.

The Introductory Sermon was preached, according to appointment, by Elder A. B. Alderman, from Matthew, 13th chapter, 47th and 48th verses: "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away."

After an intermission of thirty minutes, the Association was called to order by Elder A. B. Alderman, the Moderator, and organized by reading a portion of Scripture, and singing and prayer by Elder J. M. Beasley.

The List of Churches was then called, and a majority of the Delegates being present, the Association proceeded to business.

Appointed Elder Joab Smith, P. P. Rollins and D. Bullard a Committee to arrange the Preaching Exercises.

Appointed A. Melvin and J. T. Tolar a Committee of Finance.

Called for Church Letters, which were presented, read, and the Delegates' names enrolled.

The term of the officership of the Association having expired, the Association proceeded to ballot for officers, which resulted in the election of Elder A. B. Alderman, Moderator; D. W. McGugan, Clerk,—(R. McDaniel, the former Clerk, declining a re-election, as he anticipates moving from this section of the country soon;)—A. Melvin, Treasurer.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered, to Brother R. McDaniel, for the faithful discharge of his duties as Clerk of this body for the past five years.

Extended an invitation to Corresponding and Visiting Brethren. Elder E. D. Johnson and Wm. S. Melvin presented themselves from the Cape Fear Association; Elder H. McAlpin and Elder J. L. Stewart, and L. Carroll, from the Eastern, and were welcomed to seats.

Appointed the male members of the Church a Committee of Vigilance.

Appointed Elder J. H. Cobb and R. McDaniel a Committee to audit the Treasurer's account.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Session opened with reading the Scriptures and singing, by the Moderator, and prayer by Elder J. H. Cobb.

Extended an invitation to Corresponding Messengers. Elder James Cashwell, from the Cape Fear, presented himself and was welcomed to a seat.

Extended an invitation to Churches wishing to form a connection with us, when the Delegates from the Corinth Church, Sampson County, formerly of the Eastern Association, came forward in due form, presented themselves and were received, and the right hand of fellowship was extended to them.

Report of the Executive Board called for, read and ordered to be appended.

Corresponding Messengers called on to report. D. W. McGugan reported having attended the Cape Fear, and was cordially received.

Appointed Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations. To the Cape Fear: Wm. Hollingsworth, Elder J. H. Cobb and M. Humphrey. To the Eastern: Elders J. M. Beasley, A. B. Alderman and S. D. Jackson. To the Sandy Creek: R. McDaniel, J. F. Marsh, Jas. H. Taylor, and Elder Jas. McDaniel. To the Pedee: Elder J. H. Cobb, S. J. Cobb and D. W. McGugan. To the Raleigh: R. McDaniel, S. Crosland and Jas. H. Taylor.

Appointed N. H. Jones and L. Bryant a Committee to appoint the Executive Committee.

On motion, the Queries from Magnolia and Cape Fear were taken up and answered.

QUERY 1. What steps shall be taken in the case where a Baptist Minister has abused a sister Church as a whole, and several of the members in particular? ANSWER. We would recommend the Church to appoint a Committee to wait upon the Church to which the Minister belongs, and state the grievances in a christian spirit, and ask them to have the matter investigated according to Baptist usage and in gospel order, as found implied in 1st Timothy, 5th ch., 19th v.

QUERY 2. What are the views of the Association as to the relation the colored members bear to the white? ANSWER. While remaining in connection with the white membership, we regard their Church relationship identically the same as it was before their emancipation.

Committee to appoint an Executive Board for the ensuing year reported. Report received and adopted.

Called for the Reports on various subjects, viz:

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.—Report received and ordered to be appended.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Report not being ready, the Committee were instructed to prepare it and have it appended.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Report received and ordered to be appended.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.—Read and laid on the table until Saturday evening.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.—Laid over until Saturday evening.

PERIODICALS.—Report read and ordered to be appended.

On motion, agreed that the Afternoon Session be devoted to meeting of the Domestic Mission Board.

Association then adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Brother Wm. Hollingsworth.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 20.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Session opened by reading Scriptures and singing by the Moderator, and prayer by Elder E. D. Johnson.

The List of Delegates called and absentees noted.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Appointed R. McDaniel and D. W. McGugan a Committee to prepare a Digest on the State of Religion as indicated by the Church Letters.

Agreed that the next Session of this body be held with the Church at Piney Grove, Cumberland County, commencing at half-past 10 o'clock A. M., Thursday before the third Sabbath in October 1867. Elder J. H. Cobb to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder B. F. Jessup Alternate. Elder H. McAlpin to preach the Charity Sermon on Sabbath; Elder A. B. Alderman Alternate.

Agreed that the Clerk have $20 for his services.

Agreed to have 500 copies of the Minutes printed, or as many as the funds sent will justify; and that they be distributed to each Church according to the amount sent.

Agreed to have the Constitution and Rules of Order printed with the Minutes.

Treasurer called on to report. Report received and appended.

Referred the Book concern to the next meeting of the Executive Board.

Committee to report subjects and writers for the next Session reported as follows:

DOMESTIC MISSIONS—R. McDaniel, P. Taylor.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Elders A. B. Alderman, J. Smith.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—Elder J. M. Beasley, J. L. Autrie.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—Elder Jas. McDaniel, D. W. McGugan.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—Jos. Thames, Elder B. F. Jessup.

PERIODICALS—Elder J. H. Cobb, A. Melvin.

TEMPERANCE—P. P. Rollins, J. T. Tolar.

Appointed Elder Jas. McDaniel to preach a sermon at our next Session, on Deaconship, at 12 o'clock on Saturday, and that the Churches appoint as Delegates the Deacons of their Churches, that they attend the next Session.

Appointed Elders Jas. McDaniel, A. B. Alderman, J. H. Cobb and J. M. Beasley a Presbytery to examine and ordain applicants for ordination.

Appointed Elders A. B. Alderman, J. M. Beasley, B. F. Jessup, J. Smith, and Brothers D. W. McGugan, R. McDaniel, J. T. Tolar and P. Taylor Delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Agreed that the collection on Sabbath be devoted to Foreign Missions.

Association called off for half an hour.

Called on again and resumed business.

Appointed R. McDaniel and D. W. McGugan a Committee to draw up a short sketch of the life of Capt. S. H. Averitt, and have it appended to the Minutes.

The Reports on Ministerial Support and Ministerial Education were then called for and read, and ordered to be appended.

On motion, the thanks of the Association are extended to the inhabitants of this community for their hospitality during the Session.

Agreed that all unfinished business be referred to the next meeting of the Executive Board.

On motion, adjourned to time and place appointed to hold next Session.

Closing services by Elder J. M. Beasley.

A. B. ALDERMAN, Moderator.

D. W. McGUGAN, Clerk.

SABBATH.

A very large and attentive congregation was addressed at 11 o'clock by Elder Jas. McDaniel, from Isaiah, 2d ch., 2d and 3d verses: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

At the conclusion of this discourse a collection was taken up in behalf of Foreign Missions, amounting to $52 50.

After an intermission of one hour, the congregation was again addressed by Elder H. McAlpin, from Luke, 3d chapter, 5th verse: "Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth."

The closing exercises were conducted by Elder A. B. Alderman—thus closing a most harmonious and pleasant Session.

APPENDIX.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

A. MELVIN, TREASURER OF THE CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1866.	DR.	To cash received from D. W. McGugan,	$84 40
		To " " " "	52 25
		To Minute Fund, 1865,	57 10
			$193 75
	CR.	By cash paid to Elder Howard,	$16 50
		By " " " "	13 90
		By " " Elder J. M. Beasley,	3 00
		By " " Elder A. B. Alderman,	15 00
		By " " R. McDaniel, for printing Minutes,	67 10
		By " " Elder J. M. Beasley,	4 50
			$120 00
		By cash in hand to balance,	73 75
			$193 75

Your Committee have examined the above Report and find it correct.

COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

More for the want of men, than means, have our efforts been retarded the past year. We have, however, endeavored to supply to some extent the Churches most destitute. The Church at Beaver Creek has had the services of Elder W. H. Howard one quarter, in connection with Rockfish. The former had the services of the writer one quarter. We have reason to believe that good was done. Elder W. C. West was appointed to preach for the Church at Kingsbury once a month, the two last quarters, but circumstances beyond his control (particularly the last quarter) materially disappointed his purposes. But little good, we fear, has been accomplished. The Church at Piney Green has had the services of Elder A. B. Alderman several times, and one visit by the writer with him. We were enabled to improve the entangled state of the Church very materially. The interest at Murchison's Factory we have been wholly unable to reach—more from want of men, than means, as stated above. Brethren, shall this continue? "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." Let us pray to the Lord, and then look for the laborer. Respectfully submitted.

J. M. BEASLEY, Chairman.

DIGEST ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CAPE FEAR—Have nothing cheering to communicate. Elder E. D. Johnson is their Pastor.

CONCORD—Are in peace, and brotherly love prevails. Elder R. Fisher is their Pastor.

MAGNOLIA.—Nothing special. Elder J. M. Beasley Pastor.

PINEY GROVE—Has been blessed with a revival. Elder J. M. Beasley Pastor.

CEDAR CREEK—Complains of coldness. Elder B. F. Jessup their Supply.

FAYETTEVILLE—Has nothing cheering to communicate. They have a flourishing Sabbath-School. Elder Jas. McDaniel Pastor.

BAPTIST CHAPEL—Has had a glorious revival: a number of accessions. Elder R. Fisher Pastor.

SPRING BRANCH—Has been much revived. Elder J. M. Beasley Pastor.

SALEM—Reports nothing special. They have an interesting Sabbath-School. Elder A. B. Alderman Pastor.

PLEASANT UNION—Complains of coldness, but hopes for a brighter day. They have no Pastor.

PINEY GREEN—Complains of coldness. No regular Pastor.

PROVIDENCE.—Nothing cheering; they have an interesting Sabbath-School. Elder J. Monroe Pastor.

GREEN SPRING—Has nothing special to communicate. Elder J. H. Cobb Pastor.

SADDLETREE—Has been revived. They have an interesting Sabbath-School. J. H. Cobb Pastor.

BLADEN UNION—Are in peace and union. Elder J. H. Cobb Pastor.

CYPRESS CREEK—Has nothing cheering; they have a flourishing Sabbath-School. Elder J. Smith Pastor.

BRIER BRANCH—Has nothing special. Elder B. F. Jessup Pastor.

BEAVER DAM—Has been much revived. Elder H. McAlpin Pastor.

CORINTH.—They have been revived. W. S. Melvin Supply.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Committee to nominate an Executive Committee for the ensuing year submit the following:

CHURCHES.	COMMITTEE-MEN.	CHURCHES.	COMMITTEE-MEN.
Cape Fear	C. D. Berks.	Kingsbury	D. A. Buie.
Concord	R. Faircloth.	Cypress Creek	M. McK. Smith.
Magnolia	L. Bryant.	Fayetteville	P. Taylor.
Rockfish	J. Musselwhite.	Saddletree	L. Humphrey.
Piney Grove	James Guy.	Pleasant Union	R. Fisher.
Cedar Creek	A. Melvin.	Piney Green	Wm. H. McLamb.
Spring Branch	Elder J. M. Beasley.	Salem	J. C. Howard.
Baptist Chapel	B. Jackson.	Brier Branch	J. H. Tatum.
Green Spring	Wm. S. Fisher.	Beaver Creek	E. Dees.
Providence	D. W. McGugan.	Beaver Dam	P. P. Rollins.
Bladen Union	Wm. Hollingsworth.	Corinth	I. Simmons.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. H. JONES, Chairman.

REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath-Schools, respectfully submit the following:

The subject now claiming our attention is one of decided importance to our

Churches. We are willing to acknowledge that the institution of a Sabbath-School is a good institution. Experience has shown, that wherever the Church and congregation have taken hold of the subject, and have become Bible-students, the result has been, not only a flourishing School but a flourishing Church.

The Sabbath-School is the stepping-stone of the Church; it is there that the ground is broken up and the soil prepared for the seed sown in the preaching of the Word. We hold that none are too old to learn in a Sabbath-School; none are too wise to receive instruction, or make excuse for non-attendance. On the other hand, those who have long had the advantages of a Sabbath-School are its strongest friends and its warmest advocates. The Sabbath-School should be a place of popular resort for old and young. It will improve personal character; preserve peace in a community, and deserves the approbation of every good citizen.

The Sabbath-School is the nursery of laborers in the Christian Ministry. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few."

Brethren, we hope that the Ministers and Churches will take hold of the subject in earnest, and that there will be a well-regulated Sabbath-School in every Church and community, and eternity alone will reveal the good that may be accomplished. Respectfully submitted.

D. W. McGUGAN,
J. H. COBB,
Committee.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals would earnestly recommend to the Churches composing this Association, that they use their utmost endeavors to circulate a religious paper within their bounds, as we consider it almost indispensable to the acquirement of that denominational knowledge that is necessary to be possessed by all her members, as well as the religious instruction that they impart.

Therefore Resolved, That we recommend that one member of each family in the bounds of this Association be earnestly appealed to to subscribe for, and take and read, the "Biblical Recorder", published by our worthy Brother J. D. Huffham, in Raleigh, at $4 per annum. P. P. ROLLINS, Chairman.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

WHO SHOULD *not* BE SUPPORTED.

1st. Those Ministers, who labor only as convenience offers, should claim only what the people can conveniently and willingly give them.

2d. Those, who preach for self-aggrandizement or to relieve themselves of other duties, should receive a *full* portion of the *scorn* and *contempt* of all the Churches and people. "For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre." Titus, i: 7.

3d. Those who preach for the sake of filthy lucre. "Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous." 1st Timothy, iii: 3. Titus i: 7.

4th. Those who teach, by precept or example, things they ought not, and things not in God's Word. "Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. Titus, i: 11.

5th. Those who have not a "good report of them who are without." 1st Timothy, iii: 7.

6th. Those who are not capable of teaching the Churches or people, and cannot be made so by support. "Apt to teach." 1st Timothy, iii: 2; 2d Tim., ii: 24. "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." 2d Tim., ii: 2. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 15th verse. "But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes." 23d v.

7th. Those who will bid God-speed to those who preach false doctrines. "Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God-speed: For he that biddeth him God-speed is partaker of his evil deeds." 2d Ep. John, 8—11. "Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees." Matt., xvi: 6. "Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees." Verse 12. Beware of the *Doctrine.*

WHO SHOULD BE SUPPORTED.

1st. Those who give themselves wholly to the work. "Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." 1st Timothy, iv: 13—16. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2d Timothy, ii: 15.

2d. Those who deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Christ. "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Matt., xvi: 24. "And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life." Mark, x: 29, 30.

3d. All those whom God calls to preach the Gospel. "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark, xvi: 15. "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel." 1st Cor., ix: 16.

4th. All those who preach the "*Word,*" and nothing but the Word. "Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." 2d Timothy, i: 13. "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine." Ch. iv: v. 2. "Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies." Titus, i: 9—12.

5. Those who are able to teach, and those who can be made able by supporting them. "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." 2d Timothy, ii: 2. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Verse 15.

6th. Those who "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints." Jude, 3.

7. Those who faithfully expose false doctrine. "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." Isaiah, lviii: 1. "For, see, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount." Heb., viii: 5.

WHY SHOULD THEY BE SUPPORTED.

1st. Because God commands it. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." 1st Cor., ix: 14.

2d. Because "the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Rom. i: 16.

3d. To not support them is to "rob God." "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." Malachi, iii: 8.

4th. It is a part of the worship of God. "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase." Prov., iii: 9.

5th. They cannot give themselves to the work without support. "Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?" 1st Cor., ix: 7—11.

6th. Because it enriches the giver. "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." 2d Cor., ix: 6. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Proverbs, xi: 24.

HOW ARE [illegible] ORTED.

1st. By putting into practi [illegible] on the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him," &c. 1st Cor., xvi: 2. Here is a constant supply for the Minister every week. He is never disappointed. He can then give himself wholly to the work. Subscription is without Scriptural warrant, and is seldom paid in time and often never paid. The Minister does not have to credit the Church, which often turns him off without his due returns; nor the Church credit the Minister, who often fails to fill his obligations to her: so there is safety on both sides. *Every one* is to lay by—it brings *all* into the work according to their ability.

2d. By a competency, so that he can give himself wholly to reading, to study, and to Pastoral visits.

3d. By fervent prayer for his success, and by constant and devoted christian love to him, to keep his heart constantly warm in the glorious cause.

A. B. ALDERMAN.

Whereas, we believe the above Report embraces the Gospel plan of procuring support to the Ministry of the Word and to all benevolent objects: And whereas, the war has so lessened the resources of our Churches as to make it necessary, not only to require it of Church members, but to appeal to the generosity of all hearers of the Word, for voluntary weekly offerings: And whereas, system is indispensable to the success of every enterprise or undertaking: And whereas, false modesty has caused our Ministers to swerve from the duty of enforcing upon the minds of their hearers the sacred injunction, "upon the first day of the week to lay by in store" these free-will weekly offerings:

Therefore, Resolved, That we *now* require the Missionaries of the Board of Domestic Missions of this Association to adopt this plan, and to ask these weekly offerings wherever they may labor.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

There are several places in our bounds where the cause is really suffering for the want of an active and energetic Missionary. If there ever was a time when Domestic Missionary labor was more needed than another, that time, in the opinion of your Committee, is now. Oh! there is so much that should be done without delay, and yet there is so little being done. Another Associational year has closed upon us, and the precious time, we fear, has been but partially improved. Let each member seriously ask himself, what have I done the past year to advance the cause of Christ? Have I contributed to the support of the Missionaries that have been employed? Have I earnestly prayed that they might be able successfully to point perishing sinners to the Lamb of God? Have I importunately besought God that they might be instrumental in building up weak and feeble Churches, and that through their labors our borders might be enlarged and the barren places properly cultivated and made fruitful? Have I really built up more than I have torn down? In what particular instance has the cause of Christ been advanced through my instrumentality the past year? Am I willing for the year's work in the vineyard of the Lord to face me at the bar of God, just as it has been do[illegible]use of Missions employed the energy of the Saviour and of hi[illegible]as urgent and pressing claims upon his followers. May God help us to see the justice and propriety of these claims, and enable us to give heed to them more faithfully in the future.

J. M. BEASLEY,
JAS. GUY,
Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Foreign Missions present the following as their report:

At the commencement of the late war there were thirty-five Missionaries in the field, under the patronage of the Southern Baptist Convention; and there were six already appointed, and ready to go forth to their labors. The occurrence of the war prevented these six from sailing at the time intended. Sad were the effects of the war upon all the Missions. All of the African Coast Missions have been suspended, and two of the Missionaries from Central Africa are now in this country.

The Board have now under their patronage nine Missions, and are only waiting for funds to resume *all* their stations. It is very important that the work commenced at every station should be carried on.

There are twenty-five Churches, including the African Missions, and the aggregate membership is over twelve hundred—probably not much short of fifteen hundred. The increase the past year is about twenty. The annual report from several stations has not yet been received, and it is hoped that the report will considerably swell the number. All the Missionaries are now making a vigorous effort to strengthen and revive the things that remain, and they seem to be hopeful in view of the prospect of success.

Before the war about forty thousand dollars were required to carry on the various Missions. This year, including a *debt* of eight thousand dollars, it will require twenty thousand dollars, or perhaps a little more, and that in gold or its equivalent in value. At least ten thousand dollars must be raised by April 1867, or the Missions will suffer. From present indications there is good reason to hope that the amount will be raised. Several Churches have contributed nobly, and there is generally an encouraging response to the appeals made.

There are Ministers ready and desirous to go forth to the foreign field if the Board had the means to sustain them. A new Mission is about to be established at Hayti, under very favorable prospects, and the funds to sustain it have nearly been secured without encumbering the Board. The circumstances suggesting that Mission are considered most auspicious.

The Board are anxious to enlarge their Mission operations as soon as practicable. The heathen world seems to be ready to receive the Gospel. Then let all resolve to aid in sending them the glad tidings of salvation.

Respectfully submitted.

J. McDANIEL, Ch'n.

OBITUARY.

The Committee upon Obituaries have the painful duty to report the death of our beloved Brother, Capt. S. H. Averitt, which occurred on the 27th day of

March 1866, in the 35th year of his age. He was born on Harrison Creek, Cumberland County, N. C., on the 14th January 1832. He was baptized into the fellowship of the Church at Cedar Creek in the year 1847. He was married, February 15th, 1857, to Miss Ann E. Stringfield, of New Hanover County. In all the walks of life Capt. Averitt exemplified the true man—a dutiful son, an affectionate brother, a truly confiding and devoted husband, an indulgent father, an obliging neighbor, and a friend of warm and disinterested attachment. As a christian, his deportment was exemplary, characterized by meekness, humility and piety.

He was a man of peculiar trials. Few men of his age had been called upon to suffer such severe troubles, and yet he bore them all with a patient resignation that was truly remarkable. For a man of his opportunities he was seldom equaled, and perhaps never surpassed, for close observation and deep research.

He has returned to his mother dust, leaving an aged father, five brothers, two sisters, a wife and daughter, and many friends, who are deeply grieved but not disconsolate—for those who mourn the death of a christian cannot be discouraged, for the consolations of the Gospel are theirs. After suffering the toils, hardships and dangers of more than four years' war, he returned to the home of his early years, and was accidentally killed by the falling of a tree, within half a mile of the place of his birth. We must bow submissively to the will of God, though deep the affliction. "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away;" may He grant us grace to bless His holy name. In the death of our brother the community has lost a good citizen and neighbor, and the Church a shining light. May the God of all comfort sanctify this affliction to our good and to His glory.

COMMITTEE.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, God's people are commanded to strive together for the faith of the Gospel; and whereas, in union there is greater strength and capacity for assisting in the promotion of Christ's Kingdom on Earth: we, professed disciples of Christ, resolve to unite in an associated capacity on the following Constitution:

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ART. 2. This body shall be composed of Delegates chosen by the Churches connected with it, each Church being entitled to three Delegates.

ART. 3. In the selection of these delegates, the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

ART. 4. The delegates thus selected should bear from their respective churches a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and the interest thereof.

ART. 5. The Association shall select out of their members annually a presiding officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and who shall continue in office until the time for the annual election.

ART. 6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to "law and testimony."

ART. 7. The Association shall have a fund created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

ART. 8. A faithful record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session, which shall be printed and presented to each session.

ART. 9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint an executive committee, to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted; which committee shall be answerable for their official acts to the Association.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship toward any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve proper or Gospel order among their members, nor towards any of her churches and Ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote Gospel principles and order.

ART. 11. The Association shall not recognize as valid the ordination of any minister which may take place within the bounds of her churches, without her prior direction or virtual sanction.

ART. 12. It shall be the province of the Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to a seat, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

ART. 13. The annual session of this Association shall be on Thursday before the third Lord's day in October, at such places as may be chosen.

ART. 14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an introductory sermon preached, and also a charity sermon.

ART. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

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RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. At each assembling for the transaction of business, the presiding officer, (or in his absence the Secretary,) shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a chairman *pro tem.* shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, praise and prayer, either by him or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

2. The presiding officer shall, as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association, in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transacted. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking.

3. The names of the delegates shall be called each day of the session, previous to proceeding to business, and the Minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers, and each other, which becometh those that reverence God, whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or make remarks, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the presiding officer; shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

5. When a motion is made without a second it shall not receive attention;

but if seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer, or if in writing, shall be read by the Secretary, before debate.

6. After a motion is stated by the presiding officer, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, previous to a discussion.

7. When a question is under debate, no motion or proposition shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for reconsideration thereof on the same day.

9. When a subject is presented, and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration by a vote of the Association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association, by a vote of a majority of the delegates present.

STATISTICAL ACCOUNT.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Dead	Males	Females	Colored	Total	Domestic Mission Fund	Minute Fund	
Cape Fear	Jos. Thames, J. T. Tolar, C. D. Berks	2	3	1	5	13	..	39	97	167	312	$15 00	$3 00	Loss of 12.
Cedar Creek	Elder B. F. Jessup, A. Melvin, W. D. Beard	18	1	..	7	14	4	30	92	26	148	11 00	5 00	Gain of 2.
Concord	L. R. Autrie, D. J. Davis, R. Faircloth	9	4	..	..	6	3	34	78	...	112	......	2 83	Gain of 14.
Magnolia	L. Bryant, H. Jones, M. J. Jones	...	1	..	6	2	3	25	47	2	95	......	3 00	Gain of 4.
Piney Grove	S. J. Guy, Elder W. C. West, D. L. Beard	10	9	1	1	3	1	...	...	...	84	......	2 00	Gain of 20.
Rockfish	Not represented	...	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	....	......	......	....
Beaver Creek	Not represented	...	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	....	......	......	....
Kingsbury	Not represented	...	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	....	......	......	....
Fayetteville	Elder Jas. McDaniel, R. McDaniel, P. Taylor	2	5	..	11	9	8	...	...	150	408	25 00	5 00	Loss of 21.
Baptist Chapel	H. J. Lockamy, B. Jackson, H. L. Hall	37	3	1	1	4	2	39	78	51	168	......	4 00	Gain of 34.
Spring Branch	Elder A. B. Alderman, Elder J. M. Beasley, S. D. Jackson	12	1	1	1	6	2	...	...	...	223	......	3 00	Gain of 6.
Salem	D. Cooper, T. Cooper, J. A. R. Howard	1	1	..	..	5	1	37	70	9	116	......	2 25	Loss of 3.
Pleasant Union	L. D. Sessoms, L. Faircloth, R. Fisher	...	..	..	..	4	6	23	75	9	107	......	1 75	Gain of 1.
Piney Green	W. B. Royal, W. H. McLamb, *J. Royal	...	..	..	6	3	2	...	...	...	49	......	2 65	Loss of 11.
Providence	Elder J. H. Cobb, D. W. McGugan, D. B. McGugan	1	..	..	1	3	1	8	21	8	37	10 00	3 00	Loss of 1.
Green Spring	N. H. Jones, J. N. Cashwell, E. Fisher	6	2	..	5	1	1	21	35	...	56	......	3 30	Gain of 3.
Saddletree	A. Odum, *E. S. Davis, M. Humphrey	7	7	..	1	..	..	28	33	17	78	......	3 00	Loss of 6.
Bladen Union	Wm. Hollingsworth, *J. M. Tolar, *E. Beard	...	..	..	6	..	..	6	12	3	21	......	2 00	Loss of 6.
Cypress Creek	Elder J. Smith, A. Jones, J. Jones	...	6	..	..	1	1	22	46	4	72	......	2 50	Gain of 3.
Brier Branch	J. H. Tatum, D. S. Tatum, W. H. Cain	...	1	..	3	2	4	31	67	2	100	......	2 00	Loss of 9.
Beaver Dam	P. P. Rollins, O. Bedsole, R. Melvin	11	..	1	7	5	1	39	88	20	147	......	3 00	Loss of 2.
Corinth	D. Carter, I. Simmons	13	..	1	..	..	..	25	43	1	69	......	1 00	New Ch.
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*Absentees.

MINUTES

OF THE

TENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

Church at Piny Grove, Cumberland Co , N. C.

OCTOBER 16—19, 1867.

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PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, Oct. 17th, 1867.

The Introductory Sermon was preached according to appointment, by Elder J. H. Cobb, from 2d Corinthians, 5th chapter and 17th verse, "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature."

After an intermission of thirty minutes, the Association was called to order by Elder A. B. Alderman, the Moderator, and organized by reading a portion of Scripture and singing. Prayer by brother T. M. Hughes.

The list of churches was then called, and a majority of the Delegates being present the Association proceeded to business, Appointed Jas. Guy, S. J. Guy and J. T. Hourine, a committee to arrange the preaching exercises.

Appointed P. Taylor and A. S. Smith a committee of Finance.

Appointed Elder J. M. Beasly and J. T. Tolar, Assistant Secretaries.

Called for Church Letters which were presented and read, and the names of the Delegates enrolled.

The term of the officership of the Association having expired, the Association proceeded to ballot for officers, which resulted in the election of Elder A. B. Alderman, Moderator; D. W. McGugan, Clerk, and P. Taylor, Treasurer.

Extended an invitation to Corresponding and Visiting brethren.

Elder E. D. Johnson, from the Cape Fear Association, presented a package of minutes, and was welcomed to a seat.

Bro. T. M. Hughes, of the Biblical Recorder, appeared and was welcomed to a seat.

A letter and package of minutes, were received from the Pee Dee Association.

Appointed the male members of the church a Committee of Vigilence.

Appointed D. W. McGugan and J. T. Tolar, a committee to audit the Treasurer's and Financial committee's accounts.

On motion adjourned until to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Eld B. F. Jessup.

FRIDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after half an hour spent in devotion and prayer, the session was then opened by reading and singing, and prayer by Brother L. Carroll.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

An invitation was extended to corresponding and visiting brethren. None were present.

B. Holland, J. E. Cobb, and V. Downing, were appointed a commitee to appoint an Executive Board.

The report on Periodicals was called for and read; and after remarks by brethren Hughes, Taylor, and others, several subscribers were obtained for the Recorder.

The committee to nominate the Executive Board, was called upon to report. Report received and ordered to be appended.

Corresponding Messengers were called on to report:

Brother Wm. Hollingsworth reported having attended the Cape Fear Association, and was cordially received.

Brother D. W. McGugan reported having sent a letter and package of minutes to the Pee Dee Association. Owing to their meeting at the same time as Cedar Creek, it was impossible for the Messengers to attend.

The Messengers to other Associations failed to attend.

Association called off for half an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met and resumed business.

Appointed Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations. To the Cape Fear, Elder J. M. Beasley, and brethren Jas. Humphrey, L. Carroll and H. H. Ellis.

To the Eastern, brethren L. Carroll, A. S. Smith, and Wm. S. Howard.

To the Sandy Creek, Elder B. F. Jessup, P. Taylor and Jas. F. Marsh.

To the Pee Dee, Elder J. H. Cobb and D. W. McGugan.

To the Raleigh, Elder Jas. McDaniel, and R. McDaniel.

The Clerk was instructed to prepare the Corresponding Letters.

The Committee to report subjects and writers for the next session reported as follows:

DOMESTIC MISSIONS, L. Carroll and P. Taylor.

FOREIGN MISSIONS, Elder B. F. Jessup and A. S. Smith.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION, J L. Autree, and Elder A. B. Alderman.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, D. W. McGugan and J. T. Tolar.

SABBATH SCHOOLS, Elder E. Davis, and H. H. Ellis.

PERIODICALS, Elder A. B. Alderman and J. A. Beaman.

TEMPERANCE, B. Holland and J. C. Howard.

Appointed Elder J. M. Beasley, D. W. McGugan and J. T. Tolar, a Committee to prepare a digest on the state of religion as indicated by the Church Letters.

A Query from Piney Grove church was then taken up and read. After some discussion it was laid upon the table indefinitely.

Extended an invitation to churches wishing to form a connection with this Association. The Delegates from the church at Berea, Cumberland county, a newly organized church, came forward, and were received, and the right hand of fellowship extended to them.

Resolved, That our next session be held with the church at Pleasant Union, Sampson county, N. C , commencing at half-past 10 o'clock, A. M., on Thursday, before the third Sabbath in October, 1868,

Elder B. F. Jessup was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, Elder W. C. West, Alternate.

Elder R. Newton to preach the charity sermon on Sabbath, Elder J. M. Beasley, Alternate.

In the absence of Elder Jas. McDaniel, Elder J. M. Beasley was appointed to preach the sermon on the deaconship, to-morrow.

On motion, agreed to alter the 8th article of the Rules of Order. (See Rules of Order.)

Report on Foreign Missions called for and read, and after some remarks from brethren Johnson, Jessup, Cobb and Alderman, a collection was taken up amounting to $17,85. Report ordered to be appended.

On motion, the Association called off, until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder E. D. Johnson. Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 19th.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Session opened by reading the Scriptures and singing. Prayer by Elder J. H. Cobb.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Names of delegates called and absentees marked.

Report on Ministerial Education called for, read and ordered to be appended.

The following resolution was introduced:

Resolved, That the several churches composing this body, be requested to do what they can for the support of brother Bryant, (our beneficiary) now at Wake Forest, and send the funds to the regular meetings of the Executive Board.

Resolved, That one-half of the Sabbath collection be devoted to Ministerial Education, and the other half to the Domestic Mission Board

Resolved, That we have as many minutes printed as the funds sent up will allow.

The Clerk to have $20 for his services.

Report on Sabbath Schools called for, read and ordered to be appended. (See Appendix.)

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be, and are hereby tendered to the inhabitants of this vicinity for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body.

Appointed Elder J. M. Beasly and P. Taylor a committee on Obituaries.

Association called off to hear a sermon on the Deaconship, by Elder J. M. Beasly from Acts, 6th chapter and the first seven verses, (viz:]

"And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multi plied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, it is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

And the saying pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nichanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the Priests were obedient to the faith."

Appointed Elders Jas. McDaniel, A. B. Alderman, J. H

Cobb, J. M. Beasly and R. Newton a Presbytery to examine and ordain applicants for ordination.

Treasurer called on to report, report read and appended.

On motion, the Treasurer is ordered to send the funds for Foreign Missions direct to Elder Jas. B. Taylor at Richmond, Va.

Report of the Executive Board called for, read and ordered to be appended.

Agreed that all unfinished business be referred to the next meeting of the Executive Board.

Minutes of to-day read and approved.

On motion adjourned to time and place appointed to hold next session.

Closing services by Elder J. M. Beasly. Benediction by the Moderator.

A. B. ALDERMAN, Mod.

D. W. McGugan, Clerk.

SABBATH.

A very large and attentive congregation, was addressed at 11 o'clock, by Elder R. Newton, from Mark 16th chapter, 15th and 16th verses. "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." "He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." At the conclusion of this discourse a collection was taken up in behalf of education and Domestic Missions amounting to $26,00.

After an intermission of one hour, the congregation was again addressed by Elder E. D. Johnson.

APPENDIX.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

A. MELVIN, Treasurer of the Cedar Creek Baptist Association.

1867.	Dr. To cash received from Churches and Financial Committee,		$218 28
	Cr. Paid for printing Minutes,	70 00	
	" to Missionaries,	101 25	
		171 25	
	Cash in hand to balance,	47 03	

P. TAYLOR, Treasurer of the Cedar Creek Baptist Association.

Received of Financial Committee,	$59 25
" for Domestic Mission Board,	40 05
" for Foreign Mission Board,	27 25
	126 55
Cr. Paid to Elder Fisher,	12 05
" " " West,	9 07
" " " Beasly,	25 00
	46 12
Cash to balance,	80 43

Your Committee have examined the above report and find it correct.

COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Board has done what they could with the limited means afforded, and feel to say the funds have been well spent, and that the Lord has signally blessed the labors of His servants, as indicated in the church letters sent up to the Association; to Him be all the glory.

Beloved brethren, representing the churches of this Association, the Board asks you to carry with you into your respective churches, the Missionary spirit, and try to cultivate the same in each member of your church so as to enable the Board, soon, to employ one or two Missionaries the year, to labor in the bounds of our beloved Association.

Respectfully submitted,

P. TAYLOR, Chm'n.

DIGEST OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES AS INDICATED BY THE CHURCH LETTERS.

Cape Fear—Has nothing interesting. Elder A. B. Alderman is Pastor.

Cedar Creek—Are in peace and union. Elder A. B. Alderman is Pastor. They have a Sabbath School.

Concord—Are in peace, and brotherly love prevails. Elder R. Fisher is Pastor.

Magnolia—Has nothing cheering. Elder B. F Jessup is Pastor.

Piney Grove—Has nothing interesting. Elder J. M. Beasly is their Pastor.

Fayetteville—Are in a languishing condition. They have a Sabbath School numbering eighty-eight scholars: Elder Jas. McDaniel is Pastor.

Baptist Chapel—Has had a glorious revival. Eighty-six added by baptism. Elder R. Fisher, Pastor.

Spring Branch—Are in peace and in fellowship. Elder J. M. Beasly is Pastor.

Salem—Are in peace, they have received sixteen by baptism. They have a Sabbath School. Elder A B. Alderman is Pastor.

Pleasant Union—Have been much revived. Thirty-six added by baptism. Elder W. H. Howard, Pastor.

Piny Green—Has been much revived. Thirty-one added by baptism. Elder R. Fisher, Pastor.

Providence—Expresses an encouraging state of things; six added by baptism. Elder J. Monroe, Pastor.

Green Spring—Has nothing special. Elder I. H. Cobb, Pastor.

Saddletree—Expresses an encouraging state of things, and much revived. They have an interesting Sabbath School. Sixty-four added by baptism. Elder E. D. Johnson Pastor.

Bladen Union—Have had some interesting meetings. Elder J. H. Cobb, Pastor.

Cypress Creek—Are in peace and union, and have enjoyed some precious meetings. They have a flourishing Sabbath School. Eleven added by baptism. Elder J. Smith, Pastor.

Briar Branch—Have enjoyed some precious meetings. Twenty added by baptism. Elder Martin, Pastor.

Beaver Dam—Have nothing special. Elder H. McAlpin Pastor.

Corinth—Have nothing cheering. They have no Pastor.

Rockfish—Has had some accessions. Seven added by baptism. They have no regular pastor.

Kingsbury—Complain of coldness. They have no Pastor.

Berea—Is a newly constituted church. Is in a thriving condition. J. M. Beasley, Pastor.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Committee to nominate an Executive Committee for the ensuing year appoint the following:

Churches.	Committee-men.	Churches.	Committee-men.
Cape Fear. . .	C. D. Berks.	Rockfish. . . .	J Musselwhite.
Concord. . .	R. Faircloth.	Piny Grove. .	Jas Guy.
Magnolia. . . .	Wm. Bryant.	Cedar Creek. .	Alex Thaygard.
Spring Branch.	Eld. J. M. Beasley.	Kingsbury. . .	D. A. Buie.
Baptist Chapel.	H. J. Lockamy.	Cypress Creek	M. M. R. Smith.
Green Spring. .	Wm. S. Fisher.	Fayetteville. . .	P. Taylor.
Providence. . .	D. W. McGugan.	Saddletree. . .	L. Humphrey.
Bladen Union.	W. Hollingsworth	Pleasant Union	J. Sessoms.
Salem.	J. C. Howard.	Briar Branch. .	J H. Tatum.
Bever Dam. . .	L. Carrol.	Corinth.	I. Simmons.
Berea.	J. J. Newton.		

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. HOLLAND, Chairman.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee regret they can discover no decided improvement for some years past, in this best of all institutions. At this advanced stage of literary, moral and religious refinement, one may as well enter into a labored train of argument, to prove the sun to be the great fountain of light and heat, as to collect the hundreds of unquestioned evidences, to prove that Sabbath Schools are the great fountains, from which flows the richest stream of religious knowledge and moral virtue; for both are undoubted facts. Unlike the rude instinct, by which the lower order of animated nature is governed, the human race is endowed with faculties of reason and reflection. Susceptible of a high state of refinement, and also of a very low degree of degradation. Now as God has given us those faculties, and furnished us with means of improvement, it becomes our duty to exercise those faculties in a manner, most pleasing to Him who gave them. We are commanded to "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." We should devote the Sabbath day to the service of God, using the means best calculated to promote our own, our neighbors, and our children's welfare. In a well conducted Sabbath School, studying and teaching the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, is a service highly commendable in the sight of God. It is further said, "if a child is trained up in the way he should go, when he is old, he will not depart from it." This, without any other reason, should certainly be sufficient to point any Christian, especially a parent, to a double distilled devotedness to a piously conducted Sabbath School.

We believe the institution is, by most persons, duly appreciated. Its good influence, its moral and religious worth, is well understood. Why then is there no more action in the cause? It is simply because we are more willing to learn a duty, than we are to do it. This, we believe, will be one prominent article in the catalogue of crimes to be answered for, at the bar of God.

The condition of our country, at this time, demands more energy in this institution than in times past. Before the country was impoverished by a desolating war, the wealthy were able and willing to help the poor. By that means all were enabled to acquire some education; now, the best are only able to help themselves; consequently there are thousands of children growing up in ignorance, and traveling the road to ruin. Will our ministers consider this, whenever they are called to administer the word eternal life.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH THAMES, Chairman.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee feel quite unable to do this subject justice. But we will submit a few thoughts:

1st. What matter is cheaper than a good religious weekly newspaper. 2nd. And where can we learn more, for the amount, a paper costs. A good paper, while it makes its weekly visits and is read, will do good to the young brothers and sisters in Christ. Fathers, mothers and their young and growing families, all can, and will be benefited, by taking a good religious newspaper.

While we could recommend several papers, surely the BIBLICAL RECORDER, printed in Raleigh, N. C., at the low price of *three dollars* a year, in advance, has its first claims upon us. Therefore, brethren, and sisters of the Cedar Creek Association, all of you that can take the RECORDER, let us, as a little Association, be called its warm friends. We ought to feel to be without the RECORDER, is almost, or quite like being without the visits of our faithful Pastor.

Most respectfuly submitted.

J. H. COBB, Chairman.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Association would do well doubtless to take this very important matter into consideration in a more practical way than they have been in the habit of doing. All, without a dissenting voice will readily admit its importance. We are all advocates theoretically, what we need therefore, is simply to reduce this theory to practice, and the work so generally approved, will year by year be accomplished. There are perhaps in our bounds, several young men that might make useful ministers of the gospel, to take our places when we are no more. Now the duty of the churches is to search them out. How very remiss are our churches in this particular. How little is known of the gifts that may be among us. Let them be diligently sought for, and when found call them into exercise. Then let the Association or the church of which they are members, take them in hand, and give them at least a good English education, and in a few years, the grade and efficiency of our ministers would far surpass those among us of the present day. Oh, how important is this matter to us, to our children, and our children's children; when would the benefits of fifty or a hundred dollars thus expended end? when our heads would be lying cold under the sod, the good work would be going on. May the great head of the church stir up our minds to the importance of an educated and pious ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. BEASLY, Chm'n.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to say, that they have no mail or rather no post-office convenient, hence they have not learned the condition of the Foreign cause. No doubt it is of the same great interest, and claims all that can be done for it. The Divine Commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" remains the same, and the Lord holds us responsible for the manner in which we carry out his commands.

Respectfully,
A. B. ALDERMAN, Chm'n.

OBITUARY OF A. MELVIN.

The subject of this obituary merits far more than can be said in the narrow limits designed for it. Arthur Melvin was verily, a man of no ordinary worth. He was born in the county of Bladen, N. C., March 5th, 1799, and remained a resident of that county for thirty-five years. When he removed to the county of Cumberland, and located at the place so well known by the people at large, where he lived to dispense his benefactions to his brethren, his neighbors, and many a weary and hungry traveller, for some thirty-three years.

He bore his last afflictions with becoming christian submission, recognizing the hand, the tender hand of an affectionate Father.

He became a member of Cedar Creek church in October 1848, and remained a useful and worthy member thereof, until Aug. 1855, when he was unanimously elected, and duly set apart as a Deacon of said church, which office he filled to the close of his life.

He was unanimously chosen Treasurer of the Association at its organization, and with efficiency filled the office to the day of his death. The Association, the Executive Board, the Church, the way-faring traveller, and his sorely afflicted family, will often, with sorrow of heart, remember their irreparable loss. But it becomes us all, without a murmur, to submit to the dispensations of God, who will do all things right.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. BEASLY, } Com.
P. TAYLOR, }

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

CEDAR CREEK ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, God's people are commanded to strive together for the faith of the Gospel; and whereas, in union there is greater strength and capacity for assisting in the promotion of Christ's Kingdom on Earth; we, professed disciples of Christ, resolve to unite in an associated capacity on the following Constitution:

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ART 2. This body shall be composed of Delegates chosen by the Churches connected with it, each Church being entitled to three Delegates.

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ART. 4. The delegates thus selected should bear from their respective churches a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and the interest thereof.

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ART. 6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to "law and testimony."

ART. 7. The Association shall have a fund created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer, and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

ART. 8. A faithful record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session, which shall be printed and presented to each session.

ART. 9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint an executive committee, to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted; which committee shall be answerable for their official acts to the Association.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship toward any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve proper or Gospel order among their members, nor towards any of her churches and Ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote Gospel principles and order.

ART. 11. The Association shall not recognize as valid the ordination of any minister which may take place within the bounds of her churches, without her prior direction or virtual sanction.

ART. 12. It shall be the province of the Association to invite to seat, visiting and corresponding brethren who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

ART. 13 The annual session of this Association shall be on Thursday before the third Lord's day in October, at such places as may be chosen.

ART. 14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon preached, and also a Charity Sermon.

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RULES OF ORDER

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1. At each assembling for the transaction of business, the presiding officer, (or in his absence the Secretary,) shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a chairman *pro tem.* shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, praise and prayer, either by him or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

2. The presiding officer shall, as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association, in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transacted. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking.

3. The names of the delegates shall be called each day of the session, previous to proceeding to business, and the Minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers, and each other, which becometh those that reverence God, whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or make remarks, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the presiding officer; shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

5. When a motion is made without a second, it shall not receive attention; but if seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer, or if in writing, shall be read by the Secretary, before debate.

6. After a motion is stated by the presiding officer, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, previous to a discussion.

7. When a question is under debate, no motion or proposition shall

be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for reconsideration thereof during the same session.

9. When a subject is presented, and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration by a vote of the Association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12, These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association, by a vote of a majority of the delegates present.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec. by let.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	Domestic Mission Pledges.	Minute Fund.	Foreign Missions.
Cape Fear,	Jas. Plumer, J. T. Tolar, C. D. Berks,	2	2	2	8	1		127	144	271	$15 00	$3 00	$2 50
Cedar Creek,	B. F. Jessup, V. Downing, D. L. Smith,		6		5	8	8	125	21	146	10 00	4 35	2 00
Concord,	Elder R. Fisher,* M. Horn, R. Faircloth,	1			6	6	1	99		99		3 40	3 00
Magnolia,	W. H. Melvin, H. Jones, G. Faircloth,					3		72	3	75		2 50	
Piny Grove,	W. C. West, Jas. S. Beard, Jno. D. Beard,		3			4	1	50	26	76	5 00	2 00	1 00
Rockfish,	J. Muselwhite, M. Strickland, T. H. Massey,	7	20		1	2		64	7	71		2 00	1 00
Kingsbury,	D. A. Buie, J. Page, J. West,							24	4	28		1 00	
Fayetteville,	P. Taylor, S. Crosland, Is. Hollingsworth,*	4	5	1	11	6		285	107	392	15 00	3 00	
Baptist Chapel,	B. Jackson, J. D. Maloy, H. J. Lockhamy,	86	1	5		7	2	178	81	259	15 00	5 00	50
Spring Branch,	A. B. Alderman J. M. Beasly, S. Strickland,	1	5		3	8	3	203	13	216	10 00	3 00	
Salem,	N. Cooper, J. C. Howard, A M. Autrie,	16			2	3		117	9	126		2 25	1 00
Pleasant Union,	L. D. Sessoms, W. S. Howard, R. Fisher,	36	2	5		3		134	13	147		1 75	
Piny Green,	R. Draughan, W. H. McLamb, J. A. Beman,	31		6		2		92	34	126		3 00	
Providence,	J. H. Cobb, G. E. Cobb, D. W. McGugan,	6	6					41	9	50	10 00	3 00	2 00
Green Spring,	W. S. Fisher, J. N. Cashwell,* N H. Jones,*				5		1	50		50		2 00	
Saddletree,	L. Humphrey, E Calide, D, Harrell,	64	13	2	2	1		113	48	161		4 00	9 40
Bladen Union,	W. Hollingsworth, I S. Willis,* J M Tolar*	2	9					21	3	34		1 50	
Cypress Creek,	A. S. Smith, M. McK. Smith, J. Cain,*	11	6			1	2	82	3	85	5 00	2 50	
Briar Branch,	J. H. Tatum, Wm. Suggs, W. H. Downing,*	20		5	10	4	1	103		103	5 00	2 00	1 50
Beaver Dam,	L. Carroll, D. S. Bullard, P. P. Rollins,		3		1	1	1	122	19	141		4 50	1 50
Corinth,	A. McLemore,* J. Horne, I. Simmons,*	3			5	3		63		63		1 50	
Berea,	Eld. R. Newton, J. J. Newton, D. Kivet,*	20	8					47	1	48		3 00	
	*Absentees.												
		319	89	26	95	63	20	2,222	545	2,767	$90 00	$60 25	$25 40

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PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15th, 1868.

The Introductory Sermon was preached according to appointment, by Elder B. F. Jessup from Songs of Solomon, 2d chapter and 16th verse. "My beloved is mine, and I am his."

After an intermission of thirty minutes, the Association was called to order by Elder A. B. Alderman, the Moderator, and organized by reading a portion of Scripture and singing. Prayer by brother M. McK. Smith.

The list of churches was then called, and a majority of the delegates being present, the Association proceeded to business.

Appointed R. McDaniel, Assistant Secretary.

Appointed Elder W. H. Howard, J. A. R. Howard, Wm. S. Howard and J. Sessoms a committee to arrange the preaching exercises.

Appointed M. McK. Smith and Elder R. Newton a committee on Finance.

Church letters were then called for, presented, read and the names of delegates enrolled.

The term of officership of the Association having expired, the Association proceeded to ballot for officers, which resulted in the election of Elder A. B. Alderman, Moderator: D. W. McGugan, Clerk, and P. Taylor, Treasurer.

Extended an invitation to Corresponding and Visiting brethren. Elder R. M. Sessoms from the Cape Fear Association presented a letter, and was welcomed to a seat, and Elder E. D. Johuson from the same body.

Brother K. Vann from the Eastern Association presented himself and was welcomed to a seat.

Appointed the male members of the Pleasant Union church a committee on Vigilance.

Appointed R. McDaniel and J. T. Tolar a committee to audit the Treasurer's and Financial Committee's report:

On motion the Association adjourned until to-morrow morning.

Prayer by brother P. Taylor. Benediction by the Moderator

FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 16.

Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after reading the scriptures by the Moderator, prayer was offered by Elder R. M. Sessoms.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

An invitation was extended to corresponding and visiting brethren; A. S. C. Powell from the Eastern Association presented himself and was welcomed to a seat.

Resolved, That the churches in their letters to this body in the future, recommend one of their members to represent them in the Executive board for the ensuing year.

Corresponding Messengers called on to report: R. McDaniel reported having attended the Sandy Creek Association, and was cordially received. D. W. McGugan reported having sent a letter and package of minutes to the Pee Dee.

The Messengers to the other Associations failed to attend.

Appointed Corresponding Messengers:

To Sandy Creek, J. F. Marsh and R. McDaniel.

To Eastern, L. Carroll and T. W. Devane.

To Raleigh, Elder R. Newton and D. Kivet.

To Cape Fear, Elder B. F. Jessup and Wm. Melvin.

To Pee Dee, Jas. M. McGugan and S. W. Cobb.

Appointed Elder J. M. Beasley and D. Bullard a committee to select writers and subjects for the next session.

Appointed D. W. McGugan, R. McDaniel and L. Carroll to prepare a digest on the state of religion as indicated by the church letters.

Report of the committee to appoint the Executive committee called for, read and received.

On motion, it was agreed that the clerks of the different churches be enrolled and their Post Offices, with that of the ministers and their offices. (See Appendix.)

Association called off for half an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order and resumed business.

Prayer by brother R. McDaniel.

Extended an invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren: Brother H. Herring of the Eastern Association presented himself and was welcomed to a seat. Elder W. S. Melvin and J. Monroe from the Cape Fear Association presented themselves and were welcomed to seats.

Resolved, That our next session be held with the church at Cape Fear, Cumberland County. N. C., commencing at half-past 10 o'clock, A. M., on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1869.

Elder J H. Cobb to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder D. H. Calahan, Alternate.

Elder Jas. M. Daniel to preach the Missionary sermon on Sabbath.

Extended an invitation to churches wishing to form a connection with this Association; the Delegates from the church at Clybons, Robeson county, a newly organized church came forward, and were received, and the right hand of fellowship extended to them.

Report on Periodicals called for, read and adopted. After several very appropriate addresses from Elder J. M. Beasley, R. M. Daniel and P. Taylor, a club of subscribers was obtained

The list of Delegates was then called and absentees marked. The Association then called off, until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Prayer by Elder E. D. Johnson. Benediction by Elders F Prevatt.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 17.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Session opened by reading the Scriputres and singing.

Prayer by Elder G. S. Best.

Minutes of yesterday read and ratified.

Extended an invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren: Elder G. S. Best from the Eastern Association presented himself and was welcomed to a seat.

On motion, agreed that at the close of the service at the stand, that the Association adjourn to the stand, and there hear the report on Domestic Missions before the whole congregation.

Report on Foreign Missions called for, read, and after addresses from Elders Beasley, B. F. Jessup and Alderman, a collection was taken up in behalf of the Foreign Mission cause as follows:

Elder B. F. Jessup,.........	$5 00	Elder J. Smith,..........	$1 00
Elder J. M. Beasley,........	1 00	J. T. Tolar,...............	1 00
P. P. Rollins,..............	1 00	Elder A. B. Alderman,....	50
J. J. Bullard,..............	1 00	J. C. Ausley,....	50
J. C. Howard, ...	1 00	V. Downing,.............	50
Jas. A. McGugan,..........	1 00	R. Butler,.................	50
S. W. Cobb,.........	1 00	R. Maxwell,..............	50
M. Sewell,................	1 00		

Treasurer called on to report. (See Appendix.)

Report of the Executive Board called for, read and received, after which the Association adjourned to the stand at which place the report on Domestic Missions was called for, read and after several addresses, from R. M. Daniel, Elder G. S. Best and Elder A. B. Alderman, the report was unanimously adopted. (See Appendix.)

Association called off for half an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called on and resumed business. Prayer by Elder J. M. Beasley.

Report on Temperance called for, read and received.

Report on Ministerial Support called for, read and received.

Report on Ministerial Education called for, read and adopted.

Report on Sabbath Schools called for and adopted.

Received the Auditing Committee's report.

Submitted the report on the digest on the state of religion to the first meeting of the Executive Board.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be, and are hereby tendered to the inhabitants of this vicinity for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body.

The Committee to report subjects and writers for the next session reported as follows:

Domestic Missions, Elder R. Newton and G. Newton.

Foreign Missions, R. M. Daniel and P. Taylor.

Ministerial Education, D. W. McGugan and S. J. Cobb, Sr.

Ministerial Support, Elder B. F. Jessup and A. Thagard.

Sabbath Schools, P. P. Rollins and Jos. Thames.

Periodicals, H. H. Ellis and E. Carlisle.

Intemperance, Elder J. M. Beasley and Jas. Guy.

Baptist State Convention, Elder A. B. Alderman and L. Godwin.

Agreed to print as many minutes as the funds in hand will justify.

The Clerk to have $20 for his services. The Assistant Clerk to have $5 for his services.

Ordered the Clerk to get up a file of all the minutes of this body and preserve them.

Adopted the report of Presbytery on Ordinations.

Appointed Elders Jas. McDaniel, A. B. Alderman, J. H. Cobb, J. M. Beasly and R. Newton, a Presbytery to examine and ordain applicants for Ordination.

Resolved, That on Friday before the fifth Lord's day in November be observed as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer by the churches composing this body, and that the ministers meet with the church at Saddletree in a meeting of inquiry on that day.

On motion adjourned to time and place appointed to hold next session.

Closing exercises by Elder G. S. Best.

Benediction by Elder J. M. Beasly.

A. B. ALDERMAN, MODERATOR.

D. W. McGUGAN, Clerk.

SABBATH.

A very large and attentive congregation was addressed at 11 o'clock, by Elder G. S. Best, from I Cor. x: 13. "There has no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

At the conclusion of this discourse a collection was taken up in behalf of Domestic Missions amounting to $17.65. Thus closed a pleasant and harmonious session.

APPENDIX.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

P. TAYLOR, TREASURER OF THE CEDAR CREEK BAP. ASSOCIATION.

	DR.
To cash in hand, Oct. 19th, 1867,	$80 43
Sabbath collection,	26 00
Received of Elder R. Newton,	20 00
" from churches,	86 08
" for State Missions,	1 00
" from Providence church for Foreign Missions,	8 00
" for Domestic Missions,	63 65
	$285 16

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Paid for Minutes,	$40 00	
" Foreign Missions,	40 00	
" Clerk,	20 00	
" To Brother Bryant,	13 20	
" To Elders Beasley and Alderman for supplying destitute stations,	99 00	
Exchange and Postage,	60	
	212 80	
Cash in hand,	72 36	
		$285 16

Your Committee have examined the above report and find it correct.

COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The operations of the Board for the last Associational year, have been limited for want of funds necessary to carry on operations, the Board has had in their employ a part of the past year, Elder A. B. Alderman, 14 days; Elder W. C. West, 7 days; Elder R. Newton, 12½ days; Elder J. M. Beasley 16 days. Making a total of 49½ days.

And we trust and believe they have not labored in vain and hope to see the "bread cast upon the waters return after many days." The amount sent by the churches the past year is about 10⅛ cents for the whole membership in the Association. The Board feel it to be their duty to say to the Association that unless there are more funds raised, the Board will not be able to supply the great destitution in the bounds of the Association. Should it be the pleasure of the churches to pledge and pay in quarterly, the amount of five cents per member for the cause of Missions, the Board feel that great good could be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

P. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Committee to nominate an Executive Committee for the ensuing year nominate the following, viz:

CHURCHES.	COMMITTEE MEN.	CHURCHES.	COMMITTEE MEN.
Cape Fear,	C. D. Berk.	Piny Grove,	Jas. Guy.
Concord,	R. Faircloth.	Cedar Creek,	P. P. Rollins.
Magnolia,	W. H. Melvin.	Kingsbury,	D. A. Buie.
Spring Branch,	Elder J. M. Beasly.	Cypress Creek,	M. M. K Smith.
Baptist Chapel,	H. J. Lockamy.	Fayetteville,	P. Taylor.
Green Spring,	Wm. S. Fisher.	Saddletree,	L. Humphrey.
Providence,	D. W. McGugan.	Pleasant Union,	J. Sessoms.
Bladen Union,	Wm. Hollingsworth.	Brier Branch,	J. H. Tatum.
Salem,	J. C. Howard.	Corinth	T. J. Simmons.
Bever Dam,	L. Carroll.	Clybons,	Eld. F. Prevatt.
Manchester,	T. J. Newton.	White Oak,	W. S. Howard.
Rockfish,	M Strickland.	Piny Green,	W. H. M. Lamb.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

DIGEST ON THE STATE OF RELIGION AS INDICATED BY THE CHURCH LETTERS.

Cape Fear.—Peace and good will prevails. Elder A. B. Alderman, pastor.

Cedar Creek.—Has nothing special. Elder A. Alderman, pastor.

Concord.—Are in peace and harmony. They have a regular Sabbath School. Elder R. Fisher, pastor.

Magnolia.—Complains of coldness. They have a Sabbath School. Elder B. F. Jessup, pastor.

Piny Grove.—They have had an interesting revival, twenty-three added by baptism. Elder W. C. West, pastor.

Fayetteville.—They have been revived and have a very interesting Sabbath School. Elder Jas. McDaniel, pastor.

Baptist Chapel.—Has nothing special. Elder R. Fisher, pastor.

Spring Branch.—Good feeling and brotherly love prevails. They have an interesting Sabbath School. Elder J. N. Beasley, pastor.

Salem.—They are in peace. They have an interesting Sabbath School. Elder A. B. Alderman, pastor.

Pleasant Union.—Complain of coldness. They have a flourishing Sabbath School. Elder W. H. Howard, pastor.

Piney Green. Peace and union prevail. Elder R. Fisher, pastor.

Providence.—Have had a precious revival and an interesting Sabbath School. Elder J. Monroe, pastor.

Saddletree.—Have been somewhat revived. Elder E. D. Johnston, pastor.

Bladen Union.—Nothing special. Elder E. D. Johnson, pastor.

Cypress Creek.—They have nothing interesting. Elder J. Smith, pastor.

Brier Branch. They have a well attended Sabbath School. Elder W. S. Melvin, pastor.

Beaver Dam.—They have had a precious revival and an interesting Sabbath School. Elder H. McAlpin, pastor.

Corinth.—Have had several accessions and much revived. Peace and union prevails. Elder W. S. Melvin, pastor.

Rockfish.—Peace and harmony prevails. Elder W. C. West pastor.

Green Spring.—Have been revived. Elder E. D. Johnson, pastor.

Manchester.—They are in a flourishing condition and have an interesting Sabbath School. Elder J. M. Beasley, pastor.

Clybons.—Is a newly constituted church under the pastoral care of Elder F. Prevatt.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS,

The great importance of Sabbath Schools have not yet been fully appreciated by the Baptist churches generally, nor acknowled by the different Societies universally; operations in some degree continues to exist mostly on account of not having enjoyed their advantages. It is to be hoped however that the plea of ignorance will soon be banished, and a school established in every church composing this Association. The great difficulty is procuring teachers who are willing to deny themselves in order to do good, and a desire to impart to the youth a knowledge of the Bible. The youth while thus engaged is secure from the temptations which so frequently beset that particular age; and he not only acquires a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, but by associating himself with christians is soon led to inquire what he shall do to inherit eternal life. Many of the most useful men belonging to the Baptist church have been members and teachers in the Sabbath School. In view of these things we would suggest that the pastor of each church belonging to this Association preach a discourse on the subject at the commencement of the next year, and estahlish a Sabbath School in their respective churches and each church be requested to report to this body in their church letter the number of scholars belonging to each school, and the amount of reading matter in each School.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. H. ELLIS, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The *Biblical Recorder* is printed every week in Raleigh by Brother J. H. Mills, an able editor, at the following prices: One copy, one year (50 numbers) in advance, $3.; one copy, six months, (25 numbers) in advance, $2.; one copy, three months, (12 numbers,) in advance, $1.; ten copies, one year, (50 numbers,) in advance, $25. Single copies, 10 cents.

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The *Child's Delight*, printed in Macon, Georgia, by Elder S. Boykin is a Sunday School paper and is the very thing for our children and Sunday Schools. Monthly, (in advance,) 50 cents; Semi-Monthly, (in advance,) $1. This paper we heartily recommend to all the children and people.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Past history, when properly viewed, shows the vast importance and advantages of an educated ministry. How can any one teach what he does not know? And how can he know the Bible without some knowledge of other things? It is not very difficult for him to think he knows it. Though many ministers of the gospel, who have not the advantages of an education, are very useful, yet how much more useful they would be with it.

By the instrumentality of the gospel the happiness of the country, and of domestic life, the salvation of our souls, the prosperity of Zion and the glory of God are effected. How vastly important then is the preaching of the gospel. When God calls a man to this work he should prepare himself for it. He is required by the word of God to do so. Finding our beloved Brother L. Bryant a member of Magnolia Church, and a man of deep piety and sound in doctrine, and of a good name, and he feeling called to enter the ministry of the gospel, the writer of this report got him to go to Wake Forest College to prepare himself the better for this work. By the aid of the Educational Board of the Baptist State Convention, and what has been done in the bounds of this Association he is now in his third session there, We learn that he is making very respectable progress in his studies.

Dear brethren he is a child, yes a son of this body, and no doubt he will be an honor to this Association, and useful in the Lord's vineyard. Let us sustain him as long as we can, for in this we do serve the Lord. This Association is not in debt any yet by his going there.

The writer has collected and paid over to him for his support at Wake Forest College $57.35, and some clothing, and now has $14 more for him which will be forwarded soon. Dear brethren, we will not take room here to speak of all the advantages and importance of an educated ministry, yet we should study this subject well. Let us pray to the Lord to give us the means and the will to thus glorify him.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. ALDERMAN.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Sending the gospel to Foreign or heathen lands is a subject of serious attention and should concern us deeply as an enlightened and Christian people. Christ has commanded his people to go and teach all nations. He being the Creator and preserver of all nations, hasmade them teachable. He knows their needs and he has shown us our duty as his followers, and the reasons for obeying his command.

1st. The importance of their salvation. 2nd. The extension of his kingdom on earth. 3rd. His glory in time and eternity. Without entering upon the past history of Missions we come to what we deem important to us now.

The appalling destitution which afflicts our people, and the gloomy apprehensions which naturally arise in regard to the future have their paralizing influence, and incline a few to conclude, th at all our strength should be expended on the home field. But would such a conclusion be wise? Would it meet with the Divine approval? Might it not be that to abandon the work abroad would so far enfeeble our energies, that the work at home would become a thing of naught? Do we not need for our own good this exercise of unselfish benevolence? Those who are engaged in this work are satisfied, that a persistent prosecution of the work assigned them is a demand of the great Redeemer, recognized by no small number of our churches of the South.

This obligation is intensified by the fact, that already the seal of the Divine benediction has been given, and that the openings and facilities for the evangelization of the heathen have been wonderfully increased. The opportunities of communication with destitute countries and the readiness of heathen tribes to listen to our ministrations, admonish us that we would surrender a most inviting field of labor, were we to abandon the "Foreign Mission" work. To pause now would fill the hearts of those whom we have sent forth with sadness, even the heathen themselves would reproach us, could they hear of our defection, No! We must not hesiitate. The horrible cruelties and superstitions of uncounted millions, their subjection to the power of idolatry—the certainty of their final ruin—their helpless and hopeless conditions all call upon us to bear to them, "the only name given under Heaven among men whereby they can be saved." What the Missionaries say: Perhaps all the missionaries acquiese with brother Phillips, who says, "The brethren in the South ought to be sufficiently acquainted with our condition by this time, and if they want their Mission to be a poor underling let them say so." "As for myself, I have nothing to live for but the Mission." Those who dissent from us are sending their men in great numbers to teach the heathen. Brethren if we yield to the unscriptural dogma that unconscious infants can in any way by baptism share in the benefits of the covenant of redemption, and become identified with the Church, these children growing up without conversion, but still retaining their identity with religion—in its outward forms, may gradually introduce a policy and spirit at war with the gospel. A radical change of character is essential in assuming the Christian profession in the ordinance of immersion. Already baneful influences are at work as the result of a different policy at several points. Missionaries are receiving those as church members who make no avowal of conversion, but who simply agree to abandon idol worship and conform to the usages of Christianity. Our brethren have found it necessary to protest against these unscriptural measures. And are we not called upon as a people to send out of our churches other proclaimers of the gospel, such as will preach the gospel in its purity. While many errors to which we might allude are winked at, or directly taught among the heathen, it is our duty to bear our testimony against them. Not less than forty Catholic priests have already been sent to Pekin the Capitol of China. Is it not our solemn duty as Baptists to dispatch to this great empire, men who will teach them the whole Bible in its purity.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

B. F. JESSUP.

TEMPERANCE.

As your committee was appointed to write on Temperance they of course, will have nothing to say about intemperance or drunkenness. Temperance is the proper use of everything proper to be used, "Against temperance there is no law." Gal. 5 : 23. "Temperance" is to be added to "knowledge," &c. See 2 Peter 1 : 5-9. "For if these things be in you, and abound they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins." "And every man that striveth for the mastery" for righteousness, holiness, salvation and the glory of God, "is temperate in all things" 1 Cor. 9 : 25. Read the whole chapter.

The minister of the gospel must be "temperate" Titus 1 : 8, and must teach others the same, Titus 2 : 2. Read both chapters. This is the way to be useful, honorable and happy. We do most respectfully suggest that the next report be written on intemperance.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE,

PRESBYTERY OF ORDINATION.

Brother Newton and myself met the 16th of Nov. 1867, with the church at Piney Grove and having called to their assistance, Elder W. C. West entered into an examination of the qualifications of brother D. H. Calahan for the work of the "Gospel Ministry" and after a very thorough examination, being fully decided that he ought to be set apart to the work, agreed that he be ordained the following day which was the Sabbath, and the same was duly attended to.

J. M. BEASLEY, Chairman.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Savior in his appointment and sending forth of His disciples, and the command to His apostles to "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," before he ascended to heaven, has marked the interest felt by him in the cause of Missions, and a commendable measure of zeal and interest in this subject has marked the course of His succeeding followers, but at no period in the history of our Southern States have the claims of this now all-important cause, pressed themselves upon our consideration as at the present. The demoralizing effects of war, leaving a devastated, oppressed and impoverished people with an unsettled country, and the influx of immigration consequently upon such, bringing all the damnable heresies of the age, such as Universalism. Unitarianism Mormonism, Catholicism, all demand at our hand when the enemy comes on like a flood, to lift up a standard against him.

Such forebodings brethren are no idle phantoms of frenzied heads, they are facts and are stubborn things. Already hundreds of thousands, perhaps we might say, millions of money have been raised for the purpose of spreading broad-cast over our land these soul-destructive elements. The great issue then is forced upon us to face and meet like good men and christians at the very threshold, the fatal inroads of vice and ruin designed to be made among us. Can we do it? Will we do it?

Your committee feel and believe that an issue involving the vitality of all we hold as sacred to ourselves, dear to our children, desirable to our neighbors and good to our fellow mortals, can and will be promptly met, which will require two great and indispensable agencies, to wit: Suitable men and money; and for the attainment of the one which is a securing of the other.

We respectfully submit the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, God has made the prosperity of His cause generally dependant upon worldly means, and

Whereas, Though our churches and congregations in a large measure have been stripped of their means, a sufficiency, by a system of just and proper apportionment of the burden among all the members, is still available to sustain the Gospel in our midst and carry forward all our religious enterprises. Therefore,

Resolved, That this body recommend to all the pastors and churches to adopt the gospel plan of requiring of each and every member "upon the first day of the week to lay by in store as the Lord has prospered them."

Resolved, That any pastor and churches failing to adopt and enforce the above resolution will be recognized by this body, as neglecting to institute and preserve proper or gospel order among its members.

L. CARROLL, Chairman.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

There is no subject more clearly laid down in Holy-writ than the competent maintenance of God's most holy service. It is one of the legitimate principles of reason and justice that "the laborer is worthy of his hire." This principle is universally recognized by all nations both in religious and secular concerns. Pagans and idolaters most scrupulously support the ministers of their religion.

We have only to examine the Scriptures of the Old Testament, to learn the statutes of heaven on this point. The tribe of Levi was set apart to the special service of the Most High, to whom the Lord gave "all the tenths in Israel, for an inheritance for their service." Num. 18: 21–24. "And ye shall eat in every place, ye and your households, for it is your reward for your service in the tabernacle of the congregation." Num. 18: 31.

Under the New Testament dispensation, God has called men to the Gospel Ministry "as the Levites were" and for them he has given His churches definite laws for their support and co-operation, and under the workings of this ministry the great Apostle of the Gentiles was made an ambassador of Christ, to build up his kingdom and commit "the ministry of reconciliation ; to faithful men who should be able to teach others also," 2 Tim. 2 : 2, and deliver to His churches the whole council of God concerning them. This distinguished Apostle on this point now at issue, reasons in the following forcible manner, "do ye not know that they which minister about holy things, live of the things of the temple ? And they which wait at the alter are partakers with the alter ? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." 1 Cor. 9; 13, 14. "Who goeth a warfare at any time at his own charge ? Who planteth a vineyard and eat not of the fruit thereof ; or who feedeth a flock and eateth not of the milk of the flock, for it is written in the law of Moses, thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen ? Or saith he it altogether for our sakes. For our sakes no doubt, this is written that he that ploweth, should plow in hope ; and he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things." 1 Cor. 9 : 7, 9, 10 and 11. "For every man shall bear his own burden. Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things ; be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap, for he that soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption ; but he that soweth to the spirit, shall of the spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Gal. 6 : 5–9. The people of God are bound to regard their ministers as God's *M*essengers and attend to their instructions, "For they are the *M*essengers of the Lord of Hosts. Whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do." Matt. 23: 3. And imitate their faith, "Remember them which have the rule over you who have spoken unto you the word of God." Heb. 13 : 7. We should love them, "Therefore as ye abound in everything in faith and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence and in your love to them. See that you abound in this grace also." 2 Cor. 8: 7. We should pray for them, "Now I beseech you brethren for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with them, in your prayers to God for them." Rom. 15 : 30. "Ye also helping together by prayer for them, that for the gift bestowed upon them, by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on their behalf." 2 Cor. 1 : 11. "That they may open their mouths boldly, to make known the mystery of the Gospel." Eph. 6 : 19. "Pray for them for we trust that they have a good conscience in all things, willing to live honestly." Heb. 13 : 18. We should obey them, "That you submit yourselves unto such and to every one that helpeth with us and laboreth." 1 Cor. 16 : 16. "Obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves ; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief for that is unprofitable for you." Heb. 13 : 17.

Now dear brethren, in view of the foregoing facts, it is high time that we come to the help of the Lord against the mighty. The influence of the ministry upon the churches, presents a strong plea why they should be sustained : for in the absence of their labors and influence, the churches invariably decline and impoverish, this is a fact too plain to require demonstration. Let the servant of Christ find himself in the midst of a people who appreciate his worth and his labors. Let him feel in the first place that his office is revered and its authority recognized. Let him know that the motives which animate him are understood; that his wants are thoughtfully cared and provided for. Let him feel that the seed he scatters is not watered by his own tears alone, but that his people pray for him while he preaches, and that they remember him in their closets, and at their domestic altar, and in all the social intercourse of life.

"Happy is that people that are in such a state, yea happy is that people whose God is the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,
D. W. McGUGAN, Chairman.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.	NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
Jas. McDaniel,	Fayetteville.	B. F. Jessup,	Fayetteville,
J. M. Beasley.	"	J. H. Cobb,	"
W. C. West,	"	J. T. Flourine,	"
D. H. Calahan,	"	J. Smith,	"
R. Newton,	"	A. B. Alderman,	Hawley's Store,
E, Davis,	Lumberton,	F. Prevatt,	Lumberton.
R. Fisher,	Blockersville.	W. H. Howard,	Clinton.

LICENTIATES.

L. Bryant, Forestville. D. A. Buie, Fayetteville.

A LIST OF CHURCHES, CLERKS AND POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.
Cape Fear,	Jos. Thames,	Grey's Creek,
Cedar Creek,	Wm. S. Flair,	Fayetteville,
Cancord,	Jas. L. Autre,	Blockersville,
Magnolia,	J. H. Averitt,	"
Piny Grove,	S. J. Guy,	Fayetteville,
Kingsbury,	Jas. D. Buie,	"
Rockfish,	J. Muslewhite,	"
Fayetteville,	Jas. F. Marsh,	"
Baptist Chapel,	H. J. Lochamy,	Hawley's Store,
Spring Branch.	L. Godwin,	" "
Salem,	B. Holland,	Owensville.
Pleasant Union,	Wm. S. Howard,	"
Piny Green,	J. A. Royal,	Clinton,
Providence,	D. W. N. McGugan,	Fayetteville.
Green Spring,	Wm, S. Fisher,	St. Pauls,
Saddletree,	Ervin Carlile,	"
Bladen Union,	I. S. Willis,	"
Cypress Creek,	W. McK. Smith,	Elizabethtown,
Brier Branch,	W. T. Jessup,	"
Beaver Dam,	J. J. Bullard,	Fayetteville,
Corinth,	I. J. Simmons,	Clinton.
Manchester,	D. Kivet,	Manchester.
Clybons,	F. A. Prevatt.	Lumberton,

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Let	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	Minute Fund.	For Missions.	Dom. Miss'ns
Cape Fear,	J. T. Tolar, C. D. Berk, Jos. Thames,....................	6	6		148	3	2	135		135	$ 2 50	$	$
Cedar Creek,	Elder B. F. Jessup, V. Downing, P. P. Rollins,..............	4	2	1	4	5		105	17	122	3 00		10 00
Concord,	Elder R. Fisher,* D. J. Davis, R. Faircloth,................				7	1		91		91	2 50		
Magnolia,	W. H. Melvin, J. H. Averitt, M. J. Jones,..................	3	1	1	2	3	2	72	3	75	2 50		
Piny Grove,	Elder D H. Calahan, Jas. Guy, S. J. Guy,..................	23	5	3		1		70	45	115	2 00		
Fayetteville,	R. McDaniel, P. Taylor, S. Crosland, ...	28	3		6	2	2	282	131	413	5 00		
Rockfish,	J. Muslewhite,* M. Strictland,* E. W. Muslewhite,*........	1	1		2			65	7	72	1 75		
Kingsbury,	Not represented, ...												
Manchester,	Elder R. Newton, D. Newton, J. C. Goodman,...............	11	1	1			2	58	1	59	2 50		
Baptist Chapel,	H. J. Lockamy, B. Jackson, J. Culbreth,...................	3	2		2	3	3	177	79	256	5 00		
Spring Branch,	Elder J. M. Beasley, Elder A. B. Alderman, H. T. Jackson,..	5			3	5	2	194		194	4 00		10 00
Salem,	D. Cooper, A. J. Cooper, R. Butler,.......................				2	1	2	113	8	121	3 00		
Pleasant Union,	J. A. R. Howard, R. Fisher, A. E. Hall,....................						1	133	13	146	1 50		
Piny Green,	J. A. Beeman, R. Draughan, H. Cannady,...................	1	2		1	5	3	70	34	104	2 55		10 00
Providence,	D. W. McGugan. S. W. Cobb, J. C. Ausley,.................	20	6					64	10	74	3 00	8 00	10 00
Green Spring,	N. H. Jones,* Wm. S. Fisher,* N. Johnson,*...............	11	2	1	3	2		60		60	2 85		6 10
Saddletree,	L. Humphrey, Jas. Humphrey,* D. Harrell,..................	11	6	1	2	2	1	100	63	163	4 00		8 00
Bladen Union,	Wm. Holingsworth, I. S. Willis,* R Riddle,*..............					2	1	26	2	28	1 50		
Cypress Creek,	Elder J. Smith, W. McK. Smith, T. M. Smith,...............	4					1	90	3	93	2 50		
Briar Branch,	J. H. Tatum, D. C. Shaw.* E. J. Cain,*.....................	2	1		5	1	1	96		96	2 00		
Beavar Dam,	L. Carroll, J. J. Bullard, M. Hall,.........................	17	1	6	9	4	3	131	17	148	3 00		2 00
Corinth,	J. Horn, W. Lockaman,* S. Carter,*........................	8	2	1	8	2	3	62		62	1 50		
Clybon's,	Elder F. Prevatt, F. A. Prevatt,* W. B. Odum,*............	6	6					22		22	1 00		10 00
		164	46	15	204	42	29	2216	432	2648	$59 15	$ 8 00	$66 10

MINUTES

OF THE

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CEDAR CREEK ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Cape Fear, Cumberland County, N. C.

October 14--17, 1869.

RIDGEWAY, N. C:
THOS. M. HUGHES, PRINTER,
1870.

PROCEEDINGS.

Thursday, October 14, 1869.

The Introductory Sermon was preached according to appointment, by Elder J. H. Cobb, from Jer., viii: 6. "What have I done."

After an intermission of thirty minutes, the Association was called to order by Elder A. B. Alderman, the Moderator, and organized by reading a portion of Scripture and Singing. Prayer was then offered, Elder Joab Smith leading.

The list of Churches was then called, and a majority of the delegates being present, the Association proceeded to business. Appointed J. T. Tolar Assistant Secretary.

Appointed Theophilus Evans and the Deacons of the Cape Fear Church, a Committee to arrange the preaching exercises.

Appointed M. McK. Smith and J. L. Autrie a Committee of Finance.

Church letters were then called for, presented, read, and the names of delegates enrolled.

The term of the officership of the Association having expired, the Association proceeded to ballot for officers, which resulted in the election of Elder A. B. Alderman, Moderator; D. W. McGugan, Clerk, and T. Taylor, Treasurer.

Extended an invitation to Corresponding and Visiting brethren. Elder Hugh McAlpin, from the Eastern Association, presented himself and was welcomed to a seat.

Appointed the male members of the Cape Fear Church, a Committee on Vigilance.

Extended an invitation to Churches wishing to form a connection with this Association. The Delegates from the Church at Shiloh, in Bladen county, from the Cape Fear Association, was received and the right hand of fellowship extended to them.

Antioch, a newly organized Church, in Cumberland county, was received, and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates.

Association then adjourned until Friday morning. Prayer was then offered, Elder H. McAlpin leading.

Benediction by the Moderator.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 15.

Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after reading a portion of Scripture, and Singing, by the Moderator, prayer was then offered, Elder J. M. Beasley leading.

Minutes of Thursday read and approved.

The invitation of Thursday was renewed to visiting and corresponding brethren. Dr. Wingate, President of Wake Forest College, J. H. Mills, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, presented themselves, and were welcomed to seats; Elder Wm. Melvin, from the Cape Fear Association, and brother Tyson, from the Sandy Creek Association, presented themselves and were welcomed to seats.

Churches not represented on yesterday were called and the letters read, and the names of delegates enrolled.

The report on Ministerial Education was called for and laid on the table until the afternoon.

Appointed brothers J. T. Ausley and Joseph Thames, a Committee to audit the Treasurer's and Financial Committee's reports.

The report on Periodicals, and other kindred reports, to be called for at the hour of 12 o'clock, on Saturday.

Corresponding Messengers called on to report.

Brother Jas. F. Marsh reports having attended the Sandy Creek Association, and was cordialy received; Elder A. B. Alderman attended the Eastern Association, and was cordially received. The Clerk presented a package of Minutes from the Pee Dee Association.

Appointed P. Taylor, D. W. McGugan and Jas. T. Tolar, a

Committee to ascertain the salaries paid to pastors, the number of religious papers taken in each Church, the number of Sabbath Schools in each Church, the number of volumes in each library throughout the Association.

A letter was then read from the New Light Colored Church asking for admission, and is advised to join a Colored Association, which the Association will assist in organizing.

A letter from the Grey's Creek Colored Church was read, requesting the Association to appoint a Presbytery to examine and ordain to the work of the "Gospel Ministry," one or more of their members if found competent.

Resolved, That we, as an Association, cordially recommend to any and all of our Ministers to labor for, and with the Colored people, as often as they can, at such times and places, as will be most beneficial to their good.

Appointed P. Taylor and J. T. Tolar, a Committee to nominate a Presbytery to examine and ordain applicants for ordination.

Appointed D. W. McGugan and J. T. Tolar, a Committee to prepare a list of the Executive Board for the ensuing year.

Association suspended until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association again resumed business.

Appointed M. McK. Smith, J. T. Ausley and R. Butler a Committee to nominate Ministers to preach on the different subjects, at the next session of this body.

The query from the Magnolia Church was then taken up and answered.

Query: When a charge is presented against a member, on the testimony of one witness, and the witness testifies to the truth of the accusation and the accused denies; what is the proper course to pursue? Answer: Let the Church decide.

Report on Ministerial Education called for, read, and, after very appropriate addresses from Drs. Wingate and McDaniel, Elders Beasley and Alderman, and brother Mills, the report was laid on the table until Saturday evening.

The Association resolved to sustain Levy Bryan, a beneficiary from this Association, one year at Wake Forest College. And the sum of $105 00 was subscribed for that purpose by Churches and individuals.

It was agreed that a collection be taken up for the arrearages against the Board of Education at Wake Forest, the collection amounted to $8 25.

Resolved, That the next session of this body, be held with the Church at Briar Branch, Bladen county, N. C., commencing at half past 10 o'clock, A. M., on Thursday before third Sabbath in October, 1870. Elder A. B. Alderman, to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder E. D. Johnson, Alternate. Dr. Jas. McDaniel, to preach the Missionary on Sabbath; Elder H. S. Spivey, Alternate.

Association adjourned until 10 o'clock, Saturday morning.

Prayer, Dr. Wingate, leading.

Benediction by Dr. McDaniel.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 16.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Session opened by reading a portion of Scripture and Singing, by the Moderator. Prayer, Elder E. D Johnson leading.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Names of Delegates were then called, and absentees marked.

Report of the Committee on Executive Committee, called for, report read and adopted for the ensuing year.

CHURCHES.	COMMITTEEMEN.	CHURCHES.	COMMITTEEMEN.
Cape Fear,	C D. Berk.	Pleasant Union,	I. Sessoms.
Cedar Creek,	P. P. Rollins.	Piny Green,	W. H. McLamb.
Concord,	J. L. Autrie.	Providence,	D. W. McGugan.
Magnolia,	M. J. Jones.	Green Spring,	N. Johnson.
Piny Grove,	Jas. Guy.	Saddletree,	Elder E. D Johnson.
Fayetteville,	P. Taylor.	Bladen Union,	Wm. Hollingsworth.
Rockfish,	Jno. Muslewhite.	Cypress Creek,	M. McK. Smith.
Kingsbury,	D. A. Buie.	Briar Branch,	J. H. Tatum.
Manchester,	D. Kivet,	Beaver Dam,	M. Bullard.
Antioch,	H. L. Hall.	Corinth,	J. Horn.
Baptist Chapel,	H. J. Lockamy.	Clybons,	Elder F. Privatt.
Spring Branch,	Elder J. M. Beasley.	Shiloh,	Arthur Core.
Salem,	J. C. Howard.	White Oak,	R. W. Howard.

Report of the Executive Board, for the past year, was then called for, read and adopted, which report is as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Board had four regular meetings during the past Associational year. Many of the Churches have failed to be represented in said meetings. The Board have expended $117.81 in sending Ministers to supply, in part, the destitution in the bounds of this Association. The Board have had the services in part, of Elders

Spivey, Alderman, Beasley and West. Thirty-seven baptisms have been reported. The Board have received, from churches and friends, $143.08 for Domestic Missions. The Board feel that great good has been done. We trust that the seed sown will bring forth harvest into the garner of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

Appointed Elders J. M. Beasley and E. D. Johnson a Committee to nominate Corresponding Messengers. They report as follows:

To the Sandy Creek.—Dr. Jas. McDaniel, Elder J. M. Beasley and J. F. Marsh.

To the Eastern.—Elders E. D. Johnson, A. B. Alderman and L. Carrol.

To the Raleigh.—Elders R. Newton and J. F. Marsh.

To the Cape Fear.—Elders F. Privatt, E. D. Johnson, D. B. McGugan and J. J. Cobb.

To the Pee Dee.—Elders J. H. Cobb, S. W. Cobb and Jas. A. McGugan.

Treasurer called on to report Report read and adopted, which is as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash on hand, October, 1868,		$72 36
Foreign Mission Fund.		25 50
Domestic Missions,		143 08
Minute Fund,		70 60
		$311 54
	Cr.	
Paid Clerk,	$20 00	
" For Printing Minutes,	40 00	
" " Foreign Missions,	25 50	
" " Express and Freight,	2 00	
" " Exchange,	87	
" " Domestic Missions,	117 81	
	$206 18	$206 18
Balance on hand October 1869,		$105 36

P. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

The queries were then taken up and discussed.

1st. From the Cape Fear Church. Should we recognize immersion by Pedobaptists, as valid baptism? Answer, No.

2d. From the Cape Fear, questions the propriety of withdrawing fellowship from the Association which permits its Churches to receive members on Pedobaptist immersion. The query was discussed at some length, but for want of time it, with others, was laid on the table indefinitely.

Report on Periodicals was called for, none submitted; but several appropriate addresses were delivered by J. H. Mills, editor of the *Recorder*, Dr. Wingate and others. A goodly number of subscribers were obtained.

Association suspended for half an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association again resumed business.

Report on Foreign Missions called for, read and received, which is as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee appointed at the last session of this body, to report on the Foreign Mission cause, feel unable to do justice to a subject of so much importance. The field is so very large, and so inviting that your Committee feel that written or printed reports will not accomplish the object. Two things we feel to be indispensable to the cause of Foreign Missions, namely: Money and Prayer; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Association request all the Ministers, in the bounds of this Association, to lay the matter before their Churches; and take up a collection in aid of Foreign Missions, during the winter or spring and send up the amount to the Clerk of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

A young lady on her death-bed having requested her breast pin to be sold for Foreign Missions, the Association buys the same at five dollars, and presents the pin to her sister.

The Association then gave way to hear Dr. Wingate, in behalf of Wake Forest College.

Report on Ministerial Education called up from the minutes of yesterday, and adopted. Also a report of contributions in aid of L. Bryan, a beneficiary. The report is as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Christian Ministry, is the highest and most responsible calling on earth, and the work to be performed the most important; it necessarily requires qualifications of the first order. The Lord has committed the preaching of the Gospel to human instrumentality, and in the accomplishing of his purpose, he usualy works through the agency of means, is very evident. As we may naturaly expect, more will be accomplished by a man of cultivated mind, other capacities being equal, than by one whose qualifications are of an inferior grade.

Many, very many, energetic and self-sacrificing ministers have succeeded and done much for the kingdom of Christ, with but a very limited education, is readily admitted; but the question naturally arises, that with a liberal education what might they not have accomplished; what mortification they might have escaped, or what difficulties might have been made lighter, we cannot conjecture.

As education and inteligence are rapidly advancing, the times demand a corresponding increase in Ministerial Education: hence we need not expect ministers of the same grade of learning, to accomplish the same in the present or succeeding age, that they did in the past. We therefore request our young brethren, who have the Ministry in view, to avail themselves of all the means in their power, to obtain a liberal education. And to those already in the Ministry, whose advantages for cultivating their minds have been limited, and whose age or condition in life will possibly admit of it, we would urge the necessity of further improvement. The lawyer or physician cannot lay aside his studies as soon as his license or diploma is obtained, if he expects to command an extensive practice or succeed well in his profession.

Application is just as necessary in the Ministerial as in the legal or medical profession, if you would be a "workman approved; who need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word aright." In order to keep the mind strong and vigorous, it must be kept in continual exercise. Rust consumes faster than labor wears, and the key that is often used is always bright. But literary acquirements, desirable and necessary as they are, should not be our only object; the heart must be educated, and we should labor for the development of all those Christian graces which beautify and adorn the Ministerial profession. Study God's word, live at a throne of grace, seek more of the mind and spirit of Christ, "prove all things," and be faithful unto death, and then receive the unfading crown of eternal life.

COMMITTEE.

Brother Levi Bryan, our beloved beneficiary, commenced his studies at Wake Forest College, first of August, 1867, and has pursued them faithfully ever since. He is now about half through freshman class. I am happy to say he stands very fair in his studies, and in his moral deportment, and he is considered by the faculty and brethren about the College, and by myself to be sound in doctrine. I do hope he will be, he must be sustained, and let him finish his course of studies. I have received and paid over to him the following sums and clothing, from the following friends of education to sustain him there.

August 5th 1869.—Cash, 60 cts.; three yards jeans, one pair socks. September 12th—Flut H. Howard, $5 00; Jacob C. Howard, 5 00. October 19th—Collection at the Association at Piny Grove, 20 20. May 17th 1868—Collection at Providence, 10 00; Mary J. Tolar, 50 cts.; J. T. Tolar, 50 cts.; Jas. Thames, 1 00; N. Williamson, 1 00. June 14th—Collection at Salem, 7 45; Isabella Howard, one shirt; S. A. Howard, one pair socks; M. A. Howard, one pair socks; M. E. Howard, one pair socks; C. N. Howard, one pair socks; M. A. Autrie, one pair socks. August—Elder B. F. Jessup, 5 00; Marshall Lewell, 1 00; I. C. Melvin, 50 cts.; I. M. Jessup, 5 00. September—Collection at Magnolia, 8 00; October—Collection at Association at Pleasant Union, 4 90; L. W. Strickland, 50 cts. May 29th 1869—Collection at Spring Branch, 2 45; collection at Salem, 3 85; collection at Providence, 10 00; collection at Saddletree, 1 00; Sundries, 1 20. Total, 94 95. Fayetteville Church sent to brother Walters for L. Bryan, 50 00.

Paid the above over to brother L. Bryan as follows: December 13th 1867, 30 80; July 1868, 26 55; January 1869, 20 00; July 27th 1869, 17 30.—Total 94 65; and one shirt, three yards cloth and six pair socks. For all of which I have his receipt.

Truly,

A. B. ALDERMAN.

Appointed Dr. Jas. McDaniel, Elders A. B. Alderman and J. M. Beasley, a Presbytery to examine and ordain applicants for ordination.

Report on Intemperance called for, read, and adopted, it is as follows:

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

Your Committee are at a loss to know what direction to take, so much has been said, done, and written relative to this wholesale and wide spread evil. It makes paupers broken-hearted wives, and straving children by the thousand every year. It fills the jails, penitentiary and alms-house, with miserable inmates, and destroys the body for usefulness here, and the soul made miserable hereafter. It costs a great sum to do so much mischief. It is estimated that 490,000,000, gallons of spiritous liquors were last year drank in this country. The annual cost of the 500,000 paupers, made by intemperance, amounts to $[illegible]5,000,000, of the insanity resulting from it $13,000,000, the expense to the country of the crimes committed by it is $40,000,000. Add to these amounts the cost of the liquor which is not less than $1,000,000,000, the value of the grain, sugar and property destroyed, the labor lost and the sickness, &c., we have the estimated and enormous amount of $1,650,000,000, annually expended in this country for this body and soul destroying curse. Oh when shall we be relieved from such a curse. Oh when will the wickedness of the wicked have an end.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be, and are hereby tendered to the inhabitants of this vicinity, for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body.

Appointed Elders J. M. Beasley and E. D. Johnson a Committee to nominate writers and subjects for the next session.

They report the following persons and subjects:

Home Missions.—D. W. McGugan and S. W. Cobb.
Foreign Missions.—Elders J. M. Beasley and P. Taylor.
Ministerial Education.—Elders A. B. Alderman and L. Godwin.
Sabbath Schools.—Elders J. H. Cobb and E. Carlile.
Ministerial Support.—Elders H. S. Spivey and J. C. Howard.
Periodicals.—Elders E. D. Johnson and H. H. Ellis.

Agreed to print as many minutes as the funds in hand will justify. The Clerk to have $15 00 for his services.

Agreed to meet on Sabbath morning at 10 o'clock, to hold a Sabbath School meeting.

Association then adjourned until time and place, next appointed. Minutes of Saturday read and approved.

Closing services by Elder J. M. Beasley.

"Many of our heads are blossoming for the grave, many are the furrows which age is plowing in our cheeks. Many may never meet at Briar Branch. Let us discharge our duties and do our part towards possessing the land."

Hymn, "O let our bodies part," &c.

Prayer, Elder Beasley leading.

Benediction by Elder A. B. Alderman.

A. B. ALDERMAN, MODERATOR.

D. W. McGUGAN, Clerk.

SABBATH.

The morning pleasant and cool; but a good congregation assembles early in the house.

Hymn, "The praises of my tongue."

Prayer, Elder McAlpin leading.

The audience were addressed on Sabbath Schools by Elders H. McAlpin, Beasley, Alderman and Dr. Wingate, and also by brothersHolingsworth,Fisher and others. The hour of preaching arrives, Dr. Wingate is introduced to the audience in the house by Elder A. B. Alderman, who addressed them from 1st Cor., xv: 58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." Theme "the resurrection," at the close of which a recess of half an hour is given.

After recess the Missionary Sermon was preached, according to appointment, by Dr. Jas. McDaniel, from Mark ,xii : 41. " And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury."

Theme that of benevolence. At the close of the sermon a collection was taken up amounting to $33 30 for Domestic Missions. Thus closed a pleasant and harmonious session.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION AS INDICATED BY THE CHURCH LETTERS.

Cape Fear.—Complains of a spiritual dearth. Elder A. B. Alderman, Pastor.

Cedar Creek.—Nothing cheering. Complains of coldness Elder A. B. Alderman, Pastor.

Concord.—They have had an interesting revival. Forty-one added by baptism. Elder R. Fisher, Pastor.

Magnolia.—They have been somewhat revived. Elder R. Newton, Pastor.

Piny Grove.—Are in peace and union. Thirteen added by baptism. Elder W. C. West, Pastor

Fayetteville.—Nothing very interesting. Dr. Jas. McDaniel, Pastor.

Rockfish.—Complains of coldness. Elder W. C. West, Pastor.

Kingsbury.—Has nothing special. Elder R. Newton, Pastor.

Manchester.—Have had several accessions and much revived. Elder J. M. Beasley, Pastor.

Antioch.—Is a newly constituted Church; is in a thriving condition. Elder J. M. Beasley, Pastor.

Baptist Chapel.—Have had a glorious revival. Elder R. Fisher, Pastor.

Spring Branch.—Has nothing cheering to communicate. Elder J. M. Beasley, Pastor.

Salem.—Nothing interesting, they are in peace. Elder H. S. Spivey, Pastor.

Pleasant Union.—They have been revived, and brotherly love abounds. Elder H. S. Spivey, Pastor.

Piny Green.—They are in a cold and languishing condition, having lost their house of worship by fire the past year. Elder H. S. Spivey, supplied them a part of the year.

White Oak.—Nothing special. They are in peace among themselves. Elder H. S. Spivey, Pastor.

Corinth.—They have been revived. Elder N. Mercer, Pastor.

Cypress Creek.—They are in love and Christian fellowship with each other. Elder Joab Smith, Pastor.

Beaver Dam.—They are in peace. Elder H. McAlpin, Pastor.

Briar Branch.—Nothing special. Elder W. S. Melvin, Supply.

Shiloh.—They have been revived. Elder W. C. West, Pastor.

Bladen Union.—Has been much revived. Thirty added by baptism. Elder E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Green Spring.—Nothing interesting. Elder E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Providence.—They have had some accessions. Elder J. Monroe, Pastor.

Saddletree.—Have had some accession. Elder E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Clybons.—They have been revived. Elder F. Privatt, Pastor.

SUBSCRIPTION IN BEHALF OF EDUCATION.

Cape Fear,	$ 5 00	Cypress Creek,	$ 5 00
Concord,	5 00	Briar Branch,	5 00
Magnolia,	5 00	Corinth,	5 00
Piny Grove,	5 00	Clybons, paid 3 50	5 00
Fayetteville,	5 00	White Oak,	5 00
Rockfish,	5 00	Shiloh,	5 00
Manchester,	5 00	Elder J. M. Beasley, paid,	5 00
Salem,	5 00		
Pleasant Union,	5 00		105 00
Providence,	25 00	To liqudate the old debt.	

A young lady, a member of one of the Churches, (who died in Florida,) having, on her death-bed, given her breast pin to be sold for Foreign Missions, the Association buys the same at five dollars and presents the pin to her youngest sister.

Elder J. M. Beasley,	50 cts.	A. S. Smith,	25 cts.
P. Taylor,	50 "	F. A. Privatt,	25 "
Elder J. Smith,	50 "	J. S. Beard,	25 "
E. Carlile,	50 "	D. Kivett,	25 "
V. Downing,	50 "	Elder D. H. Calahan,	30 "
D. W. McGugan,	50 "		
W. B. Odum,	25 "		$5 00
O. W. Council,	25 "		

DELEGATES FROM THE CHURCHES.

Cape Fear.—C. D. Berk, R. J. Fennel, James Marsh.
Cedar Creek.—Elder B. F. Jessup, P. P. Rollins, V. Downing.
Concord.—Elder R. Fisher, J. L. Autrie, J. Horn.
Magnolia.—W. H. Melvin, W. A. Melvin, J. Averitt.
Piny Grove.—Elder D. H. Calahan, J. S. Beard.
Fayetteville.—Dr. James McDaniel, P. Taylor, Theo. Evans.
Rockfish.—John Muslewhite, T. H. Massey.
Kingsbury.—D. A. Buie, J. West.
Manchester.—E. T. Kivett, D. Kivett.
Antioch.—S. Strickland, J. Daughtery, J. Starling.
Baptist Chapel.—B. Jackson, B. Williams,
Spring Branch.—Elder A. B. Alderman, Elder J. M. Beasley, H. T. Jackson.
White Oak.—E. Cooper, R. W. Howard.
Salem.—R. Butler, D. Coper.
Pleasant Union.—J. A. R. Howard, N. Faircolth.
Piny Green.—W. H, McLamb, W. B. Royal.
Green Spring.—N. H. Jones, O. W. Council, W. S. Fisher.
Providence.—Elder J. H. Cobb, D. W. McGugan, J. T. Ausley.
Saddletree —Elder E. D. Johnson, E. Carlile, L. Humphrey.
Clybons.—Elder F. Privatt, F. A. Privatt, W. B. Odum.
Cypress Creek.—Elder J. Smith, M. McK. Smith, A. S. Smith.
Briar Branch.—J. H. Tatum, W. Suggs.
Beaver Dam.—W. F. Beard, M. Hall.
Bladen Union.—Wm. Holingsworth, R. Riddle, J. S. Willis.
Shiloh.—A. Core, D. D. Salmons, S. R. Cain.
Corinth.—W. Lockamy, S. A. Carter, W. C. Furmage.

NOTE.—The Committee appointed to ascertain the Pastors' Sallaries, and the various contributions from the Churches for benevolent purposes, are unable to make a complete table this year; the information contained in the letters of the last session was too limited; this will show why the tables are not filled out complete.

COMMITTEE.

The Clerks of Churches, will please give information in full in their next letters to the Association: the amount of Pastors' Sallaries; Domestic Mission fund, Foreign Mission fund; Association fund; Educational; Sabbath Schools, Colportage, &c; the number of religious papers taken in the Church; the number of scholars in each Sabbath Schools; Volumes in libraries; number of Sabbath School papers; number of teachers, &c.

CLERK.

A STATISTICAL

SHOWING THE PASTORS OF CHURCHES AND THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHURCHES,

CHURCHES.	PASTORS & POST OFFICES.	CLERKS & POST OFFICES.
Cumberland Co.		
Cape Fear,	A.B. Alderman, Hawley's Store,	Jas. Marsh, Grey's Creek,
Cedar Creek,	A.B. Alderman, Hawley's Store,	Wm. S. Hair, Fayetteville,
Concord,	R. Fisher, Blockersville,	Jas. L. Autrey, Blockersville,
Magnolia,	R. Newton, Manchester,	J. H. Averitt, Blockersville,
Piney Grove,	H. S. Spivey, Hawley's Store,	S. J. Guy, Fayetteville,
Fayetteville,	Dr. Jas. McDaniel, Fayetteville,	J. F. Marsh, Fayetteville,
Rockfish,	W. C. West, Fayetteville,	J. Muslewhite, Fayetteville,
Kingsbury,	R. Newton, Manchester,	C. D. Nixon, Fayetteville,
Manchester,	J. M. Beasley, Fayetteville,	D. Kivet, Manchester,
Antioch,	J. M. Beasley, Fayetteville,	
Sampson Co.		
Baptist Chapel,	R. Fisher, Blockersville,	H. J. Lockamy, Hawley's Store.
Spring Branch,	J. M. Beasley, Fayetteville,	L. Godwin, Hawley's Store,
White Oak,	H. S. Spivey, Hawley's Store,	
Salem,	H. S. Spivey, Hawley's Store,	J. C. Howard, Ownersville,
Pleasant Union,	H. S. Spivey, Hawley's Store,	W. S. Howard, Ownersville,
Piny Green,	H. S. Spivey. Hawley's Store,	J. A. Royal, Clinton,
Corinth,	N. Mercer, Lumberton,	I. Simmons, Clinton,
Robeson Co.		
Green Spring,	E. D. Johnson, Lumberton,	O. W. Council, St. Paul's,
Providence,	J. Monroe, Shoe Heel,	D. W. McGugan, Fayetteville,
Saddletree,	E. D. Johnson, Lumberton,	Ervin Carlile, St. Paul's,
Clybons,	F. Privatt, Lumberton,	F. A. Privatt, Lumberton,
Bladen Co.		
Cypress Creek,	J. Smith, Fayetteville,	M McK. Smith, Elizabethtown,
Briar Branch,	W. S. Melvin, Elizabethtown,	W. T. Jessup, Elizabethtown,
Beaver Dam,	H. McAlpin, Clinton,	M H. Bullard, Fayetteville,
Bladen Union,	E. D. Johnson, Lumberton,	F. M. Willis, St. Paul's,
Shiloh,	W. C. West, Fayetteville,	A. Core, Council's Bluff,

TABLE,

POST OFFICES, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES, ADDITIONS AND DIMINUTIONS.

Contributions of the Churches.							Addit'ns			Dimi'ns.					
Pastor's Salary.	Minute Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Educat'n.	No. rel. papers taken	Total am't	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.	White Members.	Col. Mem.	Total.
	$ 3 00	$12 50					16	3	1	5	3	1	139		139
	3 00	10 00					1			2	1	1	112	13	125
	3 25						41	7	11	1	3	1	138	1	139
	2 50	9 50					3		1	6	5	1	62	3	65
	3 00						13		1	6		1	71	51	122
$400 00	6 00	10 00		50 00	75	466 00	9	1	1	10	13	30	229	138	367
	1 00	1 20								2	4		70		70
	1 50												26	1	27
	2 00	5 00	5 25				10	5			2	1	68	2	70
	2 00	8 80					32	42					70	4	74
	5 00						17			4	3	8	179	79	258
	3 00	5 55							2	44	17	1	123		123
	2 00								2	5	4	2	55	47	102
	2 00			3 85			1		1		4	2	114		114
	2 00							3	1	1	3		112	11	123
	2 00										1	1	68	30	98
	1 00						12	1	1	6			69		69
	3 00	5 00	5 00				2	4		1		1	63		63
200 00	3 00	10 00	6 00	10 00	6	229 00	3	2				1	68	10	78
	4 00	10 00	5 00	1 00			9	5	2	2	11	5	118	63	181
	2 00	10 00					12	3					37		37
	3 00	6 60						5	1	2	1	1	91	2	93
	2 00						3		2		1	1	97		97
							1	2		6	6	1	113	7	120
	3 00	3 10	4 00				30	3	2		4		56	2	58
	2 00						11	4		1			64		64
	$69 25	86 75	25 95	64 85			226	90	29	104	86	60	2412	464	2876

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	No. papers taken.	GENERAL REMARKS.
Cape Fear,	Wm. Butler, J. T. Tolar.	5				Three Schools.
Cedar Creek,						
Concord,	D. J. Davis, J. L. Autrie.					One School.
Magnolia,						
Piny Grove,						
Fayetteville,	Isaac Hollingsworth,	19	80	400	67	
Rockfish,						
Kingsbury,						
Manchester,	D. Kivet.	4	50			
Antioch,						
Baptist Chapel,						
Spring Branch,	Has a good School,					They read *Kind Words* and *Child's Delight*
White Oak,	E. Herring,	3	30			
Corinth,						
Salem,		7	120	80		They have an excellent Singing Choir.
Pleasant Union,	J. M. Kenzie, L. D. Sessoms	14	154			They have a good Singing Choir.
Piny Green,						
Green Spring,	An interesting School,					Goodly no. of *Child's Delight* taken.
Providence,	D. W. McGugan, S. J. Cobb,	4	25	50	12	
Saddletree,	E. Carlile, L. Humphrey,	5	35			
Clybons,	F. A. Privatt,	2	20			
Cypress Creek,		3	41			Scholars memorized 1449 verses.
Briar Branch,		2	25			
Beaver Dam,				150		They have a good Choir.
Bladen Union,	J. S. Willis,					Interest increasing.
Shiloh,						

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MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Cedar Creek Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

BEAR BRANCH, BLADEN COUNTY,

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THURSDAY, October 13th, 1870.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder E. D. Johnson, from Philippians, 1st chap., 9th, 10th and 11th verses:

> "And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;
>
> That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;
>
> Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God."

After an interval of thirty minutes the Association was called to order by D. W. McGugan, the Clerk; and in the absence of the Moderator, Elder F. Prevatt, was requested to act as Moderator, *pro tem*, and the Association was organized by reading a portion of Scripture and singing. Prayer was then offered, Brother P. P. Rollins leading.

The list of Churches was then called, and a majority being present, the Association proceeded to business.

Appointed J. T. Tolar and A S. Smith, assistant Secretaries.

Appointed Elders E. D. Johnson and C. D. Berk a Committee of Finance.

Church letters were then called for, presented, read, and the names of delegates enrolled.

The term of the officership of the Association having expired, the Association proceeded to ballot for officers, which resulted in the election of Elder F. Prevatt, Moderator; D. W. McGugan, Clerk and Treasurer.

Extended an invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren: Elder Wm. Melvin and John Monroe, from the Cape Fear Association, presented themselves and were welcomed to seats.

Appointed the male members of the Briar Branch Church, a Committee of Vigilance.

Extended an invitation to Churches wishing to form a connection with this Association. The Delegates from the Church and Cameron's Grove, in Moore County, a newly organized Church, was received and the right hand of fellowship was extended to them. Mount Elam, a newly organized Church, in Sampson County, was received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

Appointed Elders J. M. Beasley, Wm. Brunt, E. D. Johnson and F. Prevatt a Committee of Arrangements.

Association then adjourned until Friday morning. Prayer, Elder Joab Smith, leading.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 14th, 1870.

Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after reading a portion of Scripture and singing, by the Moderator, prayer was then offered, Elder Wm. Brunt leading.

Minutes of yesterday were then read and approved.

Invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren was then renewed. Brother Jas. B. Highsmith, from the Eastern Association, presented himself and was welcomed to a seat.

Constitution and Rules of Order were then read.

Committee of Arrangements reported.

Appointed Elders J. M. Beasley, Wm. Brunt, F. Prevatt, B. F. Jessup, R. Fisher, E. D. Johnson and A. B. Alderman, a Presbytery to examine and ordain for ordination. Three of the above named committee to form a quorum.

The following resolution was then passed, viz :

WHEREAS, The meetings of the Executive Board has not been as well attended by our ministers as we could wish,

Therefore, be it resolved, That all the ministers, by virtue of their office, are made members of the Executive Board, with a request that they attend said meetings.

Appointed G. W. Downing, J. H. Tatum and A. S. Smith, a committee to nominate ministers for the next session.

The invitation to corresponding and visiting Brethren renewed. Brother E. Johnson, from the Cape Fear Association, presented himself and was welcomed to a seat.

Appointed D. W. McGugan and J. T. Tolar a committee to nominate writers and subjects for next session.

The Association appointed Elder Wm. Brunt to preach the Charity Sermon on Sabbath.

Appointed Elder E. D. Johnson and R. Fisher to appoint Corresponding Messengers.

Corresponding Messengers of last session called on to report:

Elders F. Prevatt and E. D. Johnson report, that they attended the Cape Fear and were cordialy received. D. W. McGugan presented a package of minutes from the Pee Dee Association, stating that it was impossible for the Messengers appointed to attend, owing to the meeting of that body at the same time of our own session.

Appointed Elder Wm. Brunt and J. M. Beasley a committee on Obituary.

Appointed Elders J. M. Beasley and D. W. McGugan a committee to prepare a digest on the state of religion as indicated in the Church Letters.

Resolved, That the next session of this body be held with the Church at White Oak, Sampson County, N. C., commencing at 10½ o'clock, A. M., on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1871; Elder J. M. Beasley to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder R. Fisher, Alternate; Elder Wm. Brunt to preach the Missionary Sermon on Sabbath, Elder R. Newton Alternate.

Agreed to have Constitution and Rules of Order printed.

Appointed Elder J. M. Beasley and D. W. McGugan a Committee to ascertain the cost of printing and binding the Minutes of this body from its organization up to the present time, and report at our next session.

Agreed that the Clerk have $20 for his services.

Resolved to have as many Minutes printed as the funds in hand will justify.

Pledges made at last session in behalf of ministerial education were called for, and the sum of $42 50 was paid on the subscription, made at last session.

Association suspended until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association again resumed business.

The Association then gave way to the meeting of the

Executive Board, at the close of which the Association again convened and adjourned until Saturday morning.

Prayer, Elder F. Prevatt leading.

Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 15th, 1870.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Session opened by reading a portion of Scripture and singing, by the Moderator; prayer, Elder J. M. Beasley leading.

Minutes of the preceding day read and approved.

Names of delegates were then called and absentees marked.

Renewed the invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. Brother J. H. Mills, Editor of the Biblical Recorder presented himself and was welcomed to a seat.

Report of the Executive board called for, read and received. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Board held four regular meetings during the past Associational year. Many of the Churches have failed to be represented in said meetings. The Board have expended during the past Associational year the sum of $142 46 in sending Missionaries to supply the destitute churches and sections in the bounds of the Association. The Board had in their employ Elders Beasley, Newton, Fisher, West, Bryan, Jackson and Page, who have labored for the Board (71) seventy-one days. They report fifteen baptisms, one new church organized, as some of the fruits of their labors.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

The report on Home Missions was then called for and read, and after some remarks from Elder J. M. Beasley and Brother P. Taylor and others, the report was received, and is as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

This is a subject that should interest every one of us, for the cry still comes from the North and South, East and West, send us the Missionaries. There are also destitute sections and feeble churches in our midst who need aid or they must perish. Some are now scattered as "Sheep without a Shepherd," and we do hope the churches will arouse at once and contribute according to their means for this object, that the Gospel may be sent to those who have it not, so that the waste places of Zion may be built up, and the hands of the watchman may be loosed, and the "Little Rock that was hewn out of the mountain without hands" may continue to roll until the whole earth shall be evangelized by the Gospel.

COMMITTEE.

The report on Foreign Missions was called for and read, and after several addresses from J. H. Mills and others, the report was received, and the sum of $34 97 was received for Foreign Missions:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Brother Moderator:—Your Committee are happy in knowing this Association to be a unit as to Foreign Missions. No tongue, no pen can portray the moral grandeur and sublimity of the enterprise. But let us contemplate it again and again, that our souls may be filled with the vast conception. The world, in the broadest sense is our field, its complete evangelization our object.

No warrier, no statesman ever proposed to his ambition so stupendous, so arduous an undertaking. Survey the territory, millions of square miles in Asia, also in Africa, and large portions of Europe, are really missionary ground. Asia, Africa and Europe, each contains its millions yet to be taught the way of life. Add to these the Islands of the Ocean. How arduous the task. Not one of these millions has ever felt one throb of real obedience to God, nor do they, nor can they subject themselves to the laws of God; they are at enmity to Him and all holiness; apart from this native depravity, the other obstacles to be overcome would benumb the most heroic humane courage. Nothing short of divine merit and favor can effect so difficult a work. The achievement is to be carried to perfection. How simple the instrumentality: "The foolishness of preaching," but the message is divine. That God that promised the heathen and the uttermost parts of the earth to his Son, stands pledged to accompany this divine message with the power of the spirit. This message is to prevail and conquer the whole earth. Just glance at the success already attained. Go back to Jerusalem, there on the day of Pentecost is assembled the first and the only church of Christ in all the world. Let all christendom proclaim the fruits of the labors of that one infant church. Turn to Carey, Judson, Yates and others, and behold what efficiency God has given to heaven-born devotion, energy, self-denial, perseverance and faith. At the beginning of this century there were no Missionary Societies in the United States, now there are more than one hundred.—There are at least 3,000 missionaries, with 7,000 native assistants among the heathen. There are at least 4,000 christian churches with more than 380,000 members, and a greater number of converts outside, at least 3,000 christian schools, with over 500,000 pupils. The Bible is translated into at least 120 of the most important heathen tongues. All this is the work of the church in our day.

Allow us to direct your attention to France, the work already begun; to Spain, to Italy, the home of the Papal See; Italy is a literary land, she is awaking and threatening calamity to the Romanists unless there be reformation within.

In conclusion allow us to say that we know of no one human instrumentality more potent for informing and awakening a missionary spirit in our people than the "Home and Foreign Journal."

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. BEASLEY, } Committee.
P. TAYLOR, }

The contributions in behalf of Foreign Missions were as follows:

Elder J. M. Beasley	$1 00	V. B. Hair	$ 50
P. Taylor	1 00	E. Johnson	25
D. Davis	1 00	Elder B. F. Jessup	50
Elder R. Fisher	1 00	Elder J. Smith	50
C. D. Berk	25	H. Jones	1 00
S. Penson	50	Jas. A. McGugan	1 00
T. B. Strickland	1 00	W. B. Register	50
Wm. C. Furmage	25	J. A. Royal	1 00
Elder F. Prevatt	1 00	O D. Strickland	20
S. W. Cobb	1 00	D. L. Smith	50
Elder Wm. Brunt	1 00	R. F. Strickland	50
M. Strickland	50	H. Jones	25
M. Munroe	25	Elder B. Jackson	50
B. Williams	50	M. M. Core	7
Elder R. Newton, for Friendship Church	1 40	A. S. Smith	50
C. D. Nixon	80	Elder L. Bryan	25
Elder R. Newton	7 80	B. Warren	25
Elder Wm. Melvin	1 00	T. L. Jackson	25
A. Core	25		$30 27
J. H. Mills	25		

Report on Sabbath Schools was then called for, read and received:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We are glad to learn that Sabbath Schools has become more general throughout our Association, and a deeper interest has been manifested towards them, both by teachers and scholars the past year. The reading, studying and understanding of God's word and complying with its requirements, who can tell its importance. Therefore, we are of the opinion, to be a good and efficient Superintendent or Teacher, male or female, they must be born of the Spirit of God; they should have a good stock of Bible knowledge, that they may be able to teach it to others. We think they should explain the holy Scripture the best they can to their reading classes; they should endeavor to make their school as attractive and interesting as possible. The teachers should endeavor to make their scholars feel that they want them all believers in Christ, that they may know the truth and the truth shall make them free. We would recommend all our Schools to get books and Sabbath school papers, but the Bible, and especially the New Testament, is the Sabbath School Book.

COMMITTEE.

The Association then appointed Delegates to the Baptist State Convention, viz: Elders Wm. Brunt, J. M. Beasley, A. B. Alderman, E. D. Johnson, L. Bryan and Brothers D. W. McGugan and P. P. Rollins.

Committee to appoint writers and subjects for next session called on to report—they report the following:

Domestic Missions—P. P. Rollins and W. S. Hair.
Foreign Missions—Elder Wm. Brunt and J. F. Marsh.
Ministerial Education—A. S. Smith and M. McK. Smith.
Ministerial Support—Elder E. D. Johnson and H. H. Ellis.
Sabbath Schools—Elder J. M. Beasley and P. Taylor.
Periodicals—Elder B. F. Jessup and Alex. Thagard.
Intemperance—Elder J. H. Cobb and S. J. Cobb, Jr.
Baptist State Convention—Elders A. B. Alderman and B. Jackson.

Agreed that the Association meet on Sabbath morning in a Sabbath School Mass Meeting, at 9½ o'clock.

Committee to appoint Corresponding Messengers called on to report—they report the following:

To Sandy Creek—Elders J. M. Beasley, Wm. Brunt and Brother Jas. F. Marsh.
To the Eastern—Elder A. B. Alderman and Brother P. P. Rollins.
To the Raleigh—Elder R. Newton and Brother Jas. F. Marsh.
To the Cape Fear—Elder E. D. Johnson and Brother D. W. McGugan.
Pee Dee—Elder J. H. Cobb and Brother D. W. McGugan.

Association suspended until 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association resumed business.

Financial Committee called on to report.

They report $60 25 minute fund.

Beneficiary Fund and Minute Fund, and all other funds was ordered to be paid over to the Treasurer.

Report on Periodicals called for, read and then received; it is as follows:

Your Committee would heartily recommend the Biblical Recorder, published at Raleigh, and the Home and Foreign Journal, published at Richmond, Va., to every family in the bounds of the Association. Those papers are truly worthy of a place in every house, and to be read by every person. They contain a vast amount of rich and very important mater which we cannot get without them, and without them we are far behind the times. We find that where those papers are taken and read, the people are more intelligent and more active in the cause of Christ, and we do hope that the brethren will take and read them.

We would also recommend "Kind Words," and the "Child's Delight," published by the Sunday School Board, located at Memphis, Tenn. To every Sabbath School they are the very thing for the children. They have an able corps of editors. Address S. C. Rogers, 361 Main Street, Memphis, Tenn.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

After the reading of the above report several addresses were delivered by Elders Wm. Brunt, J. M. Beasley and

Brothers P. Taylor, J. H. Mills, and a goodly number of subscribers were obtained for the Recorder.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered to the inhabitants of this vicinity for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained it.

Minutes of Saturday read and approved.

Closing services by Elder J. M. Beasley.

Hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds."

Prayer, Elder E. D. Johnson, leading.

Benediction by the Moderator.

F. PREVATT, *Moderator.*

D. W. McGugan, *Clerk.*

SABBATH MORNING.

Elder F. Prevatt is called to the chair.

Prayer, Elder Joab Smith leading.

Sunday School addresses were delivered by Elders J. M. Beasley, J. Smith and Brother P. Taylor. The addresses were timely and interesting, and we hope much good will be the result.

The hour of preaching having arrived, the congregation adjourned to the stand.

Elder Wm. Brunt read Ephesians 2d chapter.

Hymn, "Grace, 'tis a charming sound."

Prayer, Elder J. M. Beasley leading.

Hymn, "Salvation, O the joyful sound."

Elder Wm. Brunt preached to a large and attentive congregation, from Eph., II chap. and 8th and 10th verses:

> "For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
> Not of works, lest any man should boast.
> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

Theme, that of salvation and benevolence.

At the close of the sermon, the hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains." During the singing a collection was taken up, amounting to $14 30 for missionary purposes.

A recess of half an hour is given.

Benediction by Elder F. Prevatt.

After recess, Elder R. Newton, preached to a large congregation, and the people dispersed.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

TO PREPARE AN OBITUARY NOTICE OF

Elder JAMES McDANIEL.

Elder JAMES McDANIEL was baptized into the membership of the Cape Fear Baptist Church on the 4th Sabbath of Feb., 1827, by Elder David Thames, and entered the ministry the same year. We also find him acting as Clerk of the Cape Fear Association in the Fall of 1827, which position he filled for 14 years. Through his efforts the money was obtained and a church building erected in Fayetteville. In 1837, Nov. 25th, he and Elder D. S. Williams organized a Baptish Church in the aforesaid Church building. Elder McDaniel became the Pastor and served for 32 years and one month, with the exception of a few years while he was Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Wilmington. He was one of the founders of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. He served that body as President for 18 years. He died Dec. 25th, 1869, in the 67th year of his life, having been in the ministry for 45 years. He was a self-made man. His superiors in the pulpit were very, very rare. His power of feeling and real eloquence were transcendant. The pleasantness of his voice and grace of delivery were great. He was certainly "apt to teach." His moral character was spotless. From the first of his ministry he was a strong advocate of Missions and Temperance. His first text was "God is love."

JNO. M. BEASLEY, *Chairman*,
WM. BRENT,
P. TAYLOR,
} *Committee.*

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION AS INDICATED BY THE CHURCH LETTERS.

Cape Fear.—They trust a better spirit prevails. Elder E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Cedar Creek.—They have been revived, and are in peace. Sixteen added by baptism. Elder B. F. Jessup, Pastor.

Concord.—They have nothing of importance to communicate. Elder W. C. West, Pastor.

Magnolia.—They have nothing cheering to communicate. Elder R. Newton, Pastor.

Piney Grove.—They are in peace and union. Elder F. S. Spivey, Pastor.

Fayetteville —Has nothing interesting to communicate. They mourn the loss of their former Paster, Dr. Jas. McDaniel. Elder Wm. Brunt, Pastor.

Rockfish.—Nothing special. They have no regular Pastor.

Manchester.—They have been revived, several additions. Elder J. M. Beasley, Pastor.

Antioch.—They have had some accessions. Elder J. M. Beasley, Pastor.

Baptist Chapel.—They have been revived. Thirty-one added by baptism. Elder R. Fisher, Pastor.

Spring Branch.—Have had difficulties to contend with, but have been properly settled, and have been revived. Thirty-eight added by baptism. They have no regular Pastor.

Salem.—Not represented.

Pleasant Union.—Laments their languishing condition. No Pastor now.

Piney Green.—Has nothing cheering. Elder R. Fisher, Supply.

White Oak.—Complains of coldness. Elder H. S. Spivey, Pastor.

Corinth.—They have been somewhat revived. Elder N. Mercer, Pastor.

Mount Elam.—Is a newly organized church. Elder R. Fisher, Supply.

Cypress Creek.—Has nothing cheering. Elder Joab Smith, Pastor.

Briar Branch.—They have nothing special. Elder Wm. Melvin, Pastor.

Beaver Dam.—Have had some additions. Elder Wm. Melvin, Pastor.

Shiloh.—Are in peace. Elder W. C. West, Pastor.

Bladen Union.—They have had some additions. Elder E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Green Spring.—They have been somewhat revived. Elder E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Providence.—They have nothing interesting. Edler J. Monroe, Pastor.

Saddletree.—They have been revived. Elder E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Clybon's.—They are in peace and love. Elder F. Prevatt, Pastor.

Cameron's Grove.—This is a newly organized church. Elder W. C. West, Pastor.

SUBSCRIPTION IN BEHALF OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION,

MADE IN 1869 AT CAPE FEAR.

Rockfish	$4 00	Cypress Creek	$5 00
Salem	5 00	Corinth	5 00
Pleasant Union	5 00	White Oak	5 00

DELEGATES FROM THE CHURCHES.

Cape Fear.—C. D. Berk, J. T. Tolar, V. B. Hair.
Cedar Creek.—Elder B. F. Jessup, P. P. Rollins, D. Smith.
Concord.—Elder R. Fisher, D. J. Davis.
Magnolia. —Elder L. Bryan, H. Jones, R. F. Strickland.
Piney Grove.—S. J. Guy.
Fayetteville. —Elder Wm. Brunt, Elder J. M. Beasley, P. Taylor.
Rockfish.—J. Muslewhite, M. Strickland.
Manchester.—D. Davis.
Antioch.—H. L. Hall, D. W. Royal, S. Page.
Baptist Chapel.—Elder W. M. Page, Elder B. Jackson, B. Williams.
Spring Branch.—T. B. Strickland, O. D. Strickland, W. B. Jackson.
White Oak.—R. M. Crumpler, E. Herring, A. R. Crumpler.
Pleasant Union.—J. Sessoms, B. Faircloth, L. D. Sessoms.
Salem—Not represented.
Piney Green.—J. A. Royal.
Corinth.—D. Carter, Jas. O. Carter, W. C. Furmage.
Mount Elam.—W. H. M. Lamb, B. Warren, T. L. Jackson.
Green Spring.—N. H. Jones.
Providence.—D. W. McGugan, Jas. A. McGugan, S. W. Cobb.
Saddletree.—Elder E. D. Johnson, W. S. Johnson.
Clybon's.—Elder F. Prevatt, F. A. Prevatt.
Cypress Creek.—Elder J. Smith, A. S. Smith, J. Cain.
Briar Branch.—G. W. Downing, J. H. Patum, W. F. Jessup.
Beaver Dam.—H. Jones, S. Vinson, W. F. Beard.
Bladen Union.—Wm. Hollingsworth, M. Willis, F. M. Willis.
Shiloh.—A. Core.
Cameron's Grove.—A. J. Morris.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

On hand October 15th, 1869,		$105 63
Amount received from churches and individuals,		153 36
Minute fund of 1869,		62 25
		$321 24
By Conrta,		$240 66
		$80 58
Paid Clerk	$15 00	
Printing Minutes,	52 25	
Paid to Itinerants,	142 46	
Foreign Missions,	30 95	
	$240 66	
Cash on hand October the 15th, 1870,		$80 58

P. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

A TABLE

THE PASTORS OF CHURCHES AND THEIR POST
CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHURCHES,

CHURCHES.	PASTORS & POST OFFICES.	CLERKS & POST OFFICES.
Cumberland Co.		
Cape Fear,	E. D. Johnson, Lumberton,	Jas. F. Marsh, Grey's Creek,
Cedar Creek,	B. F. Jessup, Cedar Creek,	Wm. S. Hare, Cedar Creek,
Concord,	W. C. West, Fayetteville,	Jas. L. Autrie, Blockersville,
Magnolia,	B. Newton, Manchester,	J. H. Averitt, Blockersville,
Piney Grove,	H. S. Spivey, Owensville,	S. J. Guy, Fayetteville,
Fayetteville,	Wm. Brunt, Fayetteville,	Jas. F. Marsh, Fayetteville,
Rockfish,		Jno. Mustlewhite, Manchester,
Manchester,	Jno. M. Beasley, Fayetteville,	D. Kivett, Manchester,
Antioch,	Jno. M. Beasley, Fayetteville,	J. Daughtry, Fayetteville,
Sampson Co.		
Baptist Chapel,	B. Fisher, Blockersville,	H. J. Lockamy, Hawley's Store,
Spring Branch,		T. B. Strickland, Hawley's Store
White Oak,	H. S. Spivey, Owensville,	G. Bennett, Clinton,
Salem,		
Pleasant Union,		W. S. Howard, Owensville,
Piney Green,		J. A. Royal, Clinton,
Corinth,	N. Mercer, Lumberton,	S. Carter, Clinton,
Mount Elam,		B. Warren, Hawley's Store.
Robeson Co.		
Green Spring,	E. D. Johnson, Lumberton,	O. W. Council, St. Paul's,
Providence,	J. Monroe, Shoe Heel,	D. W. McGugan, Dundarrach,
Saddletree,	E. D. Johnson, Lumberton,	S. R. Davis, Lumberton,
Clybons,	F. Prevatt, Lumberton,	W. B. Odum, Lumberton,
Bladen Co.		
Cypress Creek,		M. McK. Smith, Elizabethtown,
Briar Branch,	W. S. Melvin, Elizabethtown,	W. T. Jessup, Elizabethtown,
Beaver Dam,	W. S. Melvin, Elizabethtown,	M. H. Bullard, Fayetteville,
Bladen Union,	E. D. Johnson, Lumberton,	F. M. Willis, St. Paul's,
Shiloh,	W. C. West, Fayetteville,	
Moore Co.		
Cameron'sGrove	W. C. West, Fayetteville.	A. Clark, Swann's Station,

SHOWING

OFFICES, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES, ADDITIONS AND DIMINUTIONS.

Contributions of the Churches.							Addit'ns			Dimi'ns					
Pastor's Salary.	Minute Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Mission	Education.	Total Amount.	No. of Papers.	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.	White Members	Colored.	Total Membership.
	$ 3 00	$ 4 25	$ 1 00	$ 5 00	$ 13 25		2	2	1	2		1	142		142
$ 75 00	2 50	5 00			82 50		16	1	2	1	4	2	124	13	137
	3 15									1	3	2	132	1	133
50 00	1 50	1 75		5 00	58 25	12	3	2	2		7		58	3	61
100 00	1 50			5 00	106 50	2		1	1	6		1	69	51	120
400 00	5 00	10 00		5 00	415 00	70	1	2	1	6	2	11	214	138	352
	1 85	8 00		1 00	10 85		3	3	1	1	1				68
	2 50	70		5 00	7 50	3	15	2		2	1		76	10	86
	2 50						10	2					82	4	86
	5 00						31		4	11	2	1			279
	3 00						38		8	10	1		159	3	162
	2 00							1			2	3	99	47	146
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	1 50									1	1	3	63	33	96
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	1 00														26
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	2 00						5	1							23

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Papers Taken.	GENERAL REMARKS.
Cape Fear.	Wm. Butler, J. T. Tolar,	5				They have three Schools,
Cedar Creek,	D. T. Averitt,	6	50			They have an excellent singing choir.
Concord,	Jas. M. Hall, J. W. Autrie,	6	74			
Magnolia,		7	37	125		Memorized 4,216 questions, 750 hymns, and 466 verses scripture.
Piney Grove,	J. S. Beard,	6	50			
Fayetteville,	J. F. Marsh,	15	100	400	24	
Manchester,	D. Kivett,	4	70	75		Distributed some 5,500 pages reading matter.
Antioch,						Some 4,000 verses of scripture memorized. [memorized 3,673 verses.
Spring Branch,	W. Williford, H. T. Jackson,	15	110	275	72	7,280 questions answered; 1,674 verses scripture memorized ; 1 pupil
Pleasant Union,	L. D. Sessoms, J. Fisher,		65			They have a good choir.
Corinth,	J. Rodgers,	8	58		17	1,901 verses scripture memorized.
Salem,						
Piney Green,						
Green Spring,						
Providence,	J. J. Cobb, D. W. McGugan,	4	30	100		They have a good choir.
Saddletree,						
Clybon's,						
Cypress Creek,						
Briar Branch,	D. C. Shaw, J. J. Cain,	3	25	25	3	
Beaver Dam,	Geo. T. Horn,	10	55	150		4,539 verses scripture memorized. They have a good choir.
Cameron's Grove,						

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

CEDAR CREEK ASSOCIATION.

Whereas, God's people are commanded to strive together for the faith of the Gospel; and whereas, in union there is greater strength and capacity for assisting in the promotion of Christ's Kingdom on Earth; we, professed disciples of Christ, rosolve to unite in an associated capacity on the following constitution:

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Cedar Creek Baptist Association of North Carolina.

Art. 2 This body shall be composed of Delegates chosen by the Churches connected with it, each Church being entitled to three Delegates.

Art. 3. In the selection of these delegates, the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

Art. 4. The delegates thus selected should bear from their respective churches a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and the interest thereof.

Art. 5. The Association shall select out of their members annually a presiding officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and who shall continue in office until the time for the annual election.

Art. 6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to "law and testimony."

Art. 7. The Association shall have a fund created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer, and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

Art. 8. A faithful record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session, which shall be printed and presented to each session.

Art. 9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint an executive committee, to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted; which committee shall be answerable for their official acts to the Association.

Art. 10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve proper or Gospel order among their members, nor towards any of her churches and ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote Gospel principles and order.

Art. 11. The Association shall not recognize as valid the ordination of any minister which may take place within the bounds of her churches, without her prior direction or virtual sanction.

Art. 12. It shall be the province of the Association to invite to seats, visiting and corresponding brethren, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

Art. 13. The annual session of this Association shall be on Thursday before the third Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon preached, and also a Charity Sermon.

Art. 15. This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. At each assembling for the transaction of business, the presiding officer, (or in his absence the Secretary,) shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a chairman *pro tem.* shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, praise and prayer, either by him or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

2. The presiding officer shall, as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association, in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transacted. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking.

3. The names of the delegates shall be called each day of the session, previous to proceeding to business, and the Minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those that reverence God, whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate or make remarks, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the presiding officer ; shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave.

5. When a motion is made without a second, it shall not receive attention ; but if seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer, or if in writing, shall be read by the Secretary, before debate.

6. After a motion is stated by the presiding officer or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, previous to a discussion.

7. When a question is under debate, no motion or proposition shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely ; which several motions shall have peference in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for reconsideration thereof during the same session.

9. When a subject is presented, and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration by a vote of the Association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. These rules of Order may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association, by a vote of a majority of the delegates present.

MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Cedar Creek Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

WHITE OAK, SAMPSON CO.,

OCTOBER 12th, 13th & 14th, 1871.

RALEIGH:
EDWARDS & BROUGHTON, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS
1872.

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, October 12th, 1871.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Beasley, from Mark vii. chap, 24th verse, last clause: "But he could not be hid."

After an interval of thirty minutes, the Association was called to order by D. W. McGugan, the Clerk, and in the absence of the Moderator, Elder J. M. Beasley was requested to act as Moderator *pro tem.*, and the Association was organized by reading a portion of scripture and singing. Prayer was then offered by Elder J. D. Hufham.

A. S. Smith and T. W. Devane were appointed as Reading Clerks.

T. M. Smith and D. J. Davis were appointed a Committee of Finance.

The names of churches were then called and a majority being present, the Church Letters were called for, read, and the names of delegates enrolled.

The Pastor, Elder H. S. Spivey, and the Deacons of White Oak Church were appointed a committee on religious exercises during the session.

The term of the officers of the Association having expired, the Association proceeded to ballot for officers, which resulted in the election of Elder J. M. Beasley, Moderator, and D. W. McGugan, Clerk and Treasurer.

An invitation was extended to the corresponding and visiting brethren, when Elders J. C. Hiden, H. McAlpine and

Brother J. L. Boykin from the Eastern Association; Elder J. D. Hufham, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention; Brother Jordan Tyson, from the Sandy Creek Association, presented themselves and were welcomed to seats.

Elders J. M. Beasley, A. B. Alderman and Brother P. Taylor, were appointed by the Moderator a Committee of Arrangements, and the male members of White Oak Church a Committee of Vigilance.

An invitation was extended to churches wishing to form a connection with this Association.

The Delegates from Smith's Chapel, presented a letter which was read and received and the right hand of fellowship extended to them.

Judson, a newly constituted Church, presented a letter which was read and received, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

The Association then adjourned until Friday morning. Prayer by Elder Hiden. Benediction by the Moderator.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 13th, 1871.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Thirty minutes were spent in devotional exercises, conducted by Elder J. T. Townsend.

The Association was organized by reading a portion of the scripture and singing. Prayer by Elder Joab Smith.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

Letters of Churches, absent on yesterday, were called for and read and the names of delegates enrolled.

An invitation was extended to corresponding and visiting brethren. Elder J. L. Stewart and Brother Isham Royal, from the Eastern Association, presented themselves and were welcomed to seats.

A motion was made to rescind the 11th Article of the Constitution, and the article was stricken out.

The Association suspended for one hour and fifteen minutes to hear a sermon from Elder J. C. Hiden. Text: 1st Tim., 2d chap., 15th verse: "The church of the living God; the pillar and ground of the truth."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association again resumed business.

The Moderator appointed T. W. Devane and A. S. Smith a committee to nominate writers and subjects for the next session, and Elder Wm. S. Melvin and Brother D. J. Davis, a committee to appoint Corresponding Messengers.

The Corresponding Messengers appointed at the last session were called on to report.

Brother James F. Marsh attended the Sandy Creek Association and was cordially received. None of the others attended.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That any member of this Association visiting any other Association with which we correspond, be considered a Corresponding Messenger.

Elder C. Newton and Brothers A. Royal and J. W. Lane from the Eastern Association, presented themselves and were welcomed to seats.

P. Taylor and Wm. Butler were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer and Financial committees report.

The report on Foreign Missions were called for and read, and after several addresses from Elders Wm. Brent, J. C. Hiden, J. D. Hufham, a collection was taken up for M. T. Yates' Chapel in China, amounting to $31 25. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Brother Moderator: Several years ago, human sagacity might have reasonably regarded the Foreign Mission work as impracticable, but the wisdom of faith and obedience thought otherwise. Christ had spoken the command to preach the Gospel to every creature, and it had gone forth, prophecy, in most striking figures, had portrayed its success; faith could not be entirely deceived. Confidence in the Redeemer believed that success would crown missionary effort. Jesus has in his Providence settled the question practically.

We have now both his words and deeds to give us the assurance of hope. The Gospel may now be sent to all nations. The word has already been printed in every written language. The spirit of enquiry as to the Christian religion is amazing. In the *Home and Foreign Journal*, we read of some remarkable instances; the weariness that is felt in Italy and other localities against false religion and idolatry, is very encouraging. Paul wrote an epistle to the primitive Church in Rome. Now for the first time since the extinction of that church, there exists in that city a church holding the faith and ordinances in their scriptural purity. The Sandwich Islands witnessed the overthrow of idolatry in 1820, and now, one-third of the population are church members. It is said, that the United States are not more christian than these islands, and they are engaged in missionary labor. Madagascar has a notable history. In the begining of this century, East Polynesia was entered by missionary self-denial, and island after island yielded. They now support native preachers, educate children, participate in the mission enterprise, and the Gospel has spread to most of the islands westward for 3,000 miles. Thirty years ago, the Fejee Islands were a terror to sailors because of canibalism. Canibalism has ceased, polygamy and infanticide are passing away, and they now have 22,000 church members. In Burmah the triumphs have been great—a valuable auxilary. Brahmanism is giving away extensively in the vast East India Empire. Brother Phillips presents Africa as ripe for much victorious toiling, and the benighted people are seeking light and knowledge. In China the church members stand firm and the schools are prosperous and progress is sure. China is perhaps the most important field. Let us as long as we claim to be Missionary Baptists, see to it that every Church shall do a cheerful work for Christ as to foreign lands.

COMMITTEE.

The report on Ministerial Education was called for, read and after addresses were delivered by J. C. Hiden, J. D. Hufham, Wm. Brent, H. S. Spivey and others a collection was taken up for the beneficiaries at Wake Forest College, amounting to $86 00 in cash and provisions.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

(The report not being in the hands of the clerk is not copied in order.)

The Association then adjourned until Saturday morning 10 o'clock. The Executive Board to meet at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder Wm. Melvin. Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 14th, 1871.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and resumed business. Minutes of preceding day read and approved.

An invitation was extended to corresponding and visiting brethren, and brother J. C. Hines from the Eastern Association was welcomed to a seat.

The report on Sabbath Schools was called for and read, and after several addresses it was received.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The first Sabbath School was formed about 90 years ago by a man by the name of Rakes. It then had strong opposition, and the opposition made its advocates still more vigorous and efficient. The books and other facilities were very limited, but by the few faithful advocates these difficulties were to a considerable extent overcome and the Sabbath School cause began to spread. School after school was organized, books printed, and other facilities enjoyed, and much, very much good done and harm prevented, but still there is much more good that can by the same means be accomplished. Never since the organization of the first school, to the present day, has there been anything to compare with the present advantages. Scholars become teachers and unite their warm energies; teachers become parents and often teach or see that their children are taught in the Sabbath School. These schools to keep up the relish and advantages should be not only in summer, but each succeeding Sabbath the year round. We hope that the churches will get stoves and make their houses comfortable, then you can have schools in winter. Preaching and teaching accomplish far more good, and all enjoy it much better. Do try brethren.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

The report on Periodicals was called for, read, and the Association was addressed by several persons and a number of subscribers were obtained for the *Biblical Recorder*. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

"BROTHER MODERATOR: Your committee considers that religious newspapers are aids to biblical instruction, as well as literary information and we heartily recommend the *Biblical Recorder*, published in Raleigh, N. C., as one of the best Baptist papers. No family should be without it, and the *Home and Foreign Journal*, printed in Richmond, Va., containing information which we cannot get elsewhere. It tells us monthly what the Southern Baptists are doing. By it we hear from every missionary field to which the Gospel has been sent. In fact through these papers we learn the prosperity and spread of the Redeemer's kingdom everywhere on earth. There are many Sabbath School papers we would heartily recommend for the children, such as *Kind Words*, and *Child's Delight*, published by the Sunday School Board, located at Memphis, Tennessee.

All of which is respectfully submitted. COMMITTEE.

Resolved, That the next session of this Association be held with the Church at Spring Branch, Sampson County, N. C., commencing on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1872. Elder J. T. Townsend to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Wm. S. Melvin, Alternate. Elder H. S. Spivey to preach the Missionary Sermon on Sabbath; Elder Wm. Brunt, Alternate.

A letter of dismission was then granted the Saddletree Church in Robeson county, to assist in forming a new Association. Committee appointed at last session on printing minutes was called on to report, and the report was received and the committee continued until next session.

The Association suspended business for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association again resumed business.

Leave of absence granted several delegates.

The committee appointed to appoint Corresponding Messengers were called on to report, and reported as follows:

To the Sandy Creek—Elders J. M. Beasley, Wm. Brunt and W. C. West and Brothers Jas. F. Marsh and Jeff. Johnson.

To the Eastern—Elders H. S. Spivey, Joab Smith and Brother M. Bullard.

To the Raleigh—Elders R. Newton, A. B. Alderman and T. L. Jackson.

To the Cape Fear—Elders Wm. S. Melvin, E. Davis, E. D. Johnson, F. A. Prevatt, and Brothers J. Monroe and C. P. McGugan.

To the Pee Dee—Elders J. H. Cobb, E. D. Johnson and D. B. McGugan.

The following were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention, viz :

Elders Wm. Brunt, H. S. Spivey, A. B. Alderman, R. Fisher, Wm. S. Melvin, J. M. Beasley and B. Jackson, and Brothers S. J. Cobb and D. W. McGugan.

The Financial Committee were called on to report and the report was received.

The report on Domestic Missions was called for and the report was read.

The Association was then addressed by Elders J. D. Hufham and others. The report was adopted and is as follows :

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Your Committee, feeling that another Associational year having closed upon us, think each and every one should seriously ask themselves, what have we done the past year in promoting the cause of our blessed Redeemer, and have we contributed according to our means? How many feeble Churches have we helped build up, and how much of the waste places of Zion have we been instrumental in making fruitful? Have we earnestly prayed that the Missionary might be able, successfully, to point perishing sinners to the Lamb of God? Have we besought God that through their labors our bounds might be enlarged in the cause of Missions employed ? The energy of our Saviour and his Apostles to-day, has strong claims upon his followers. May God in his infinite wisdom help us to see the justice of these claims and enable us to give heed to them more faithfully in days to come. P. P. ROLLINS, CH'N.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered to the inhabitants of the vicinity of White Oak for the kind and very hospitable manner in which they have entertained it.

The report of the Executive Board was called for, read and received, as follows :

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD TO THE ASSOCIATION.

The operations of the Board for the past year are very encouraging. The Board held three regular meetings the past year. It has expended $128 00 the past year in sending ministers to supply feeble churches and destitute sections in our bounds The Missionaries report (36) thirty-six baptisms and two new Churches organized, as some of the fruits of their labors.

All of which is respectfully submitted. P. TAYLOR, CH'MN.

The Committee on subjects and writers for next session submit their report.

Home Missions.—P. Taylor and Jas. F. Marsh.

Foreign Missions.—Elder A. B. Alderman and B. Jackson.

Ministerial Education.—Elder W. Brunt and D. W. McGugan.

Sabbath Schools.—P. P. Rollins and David Bullard.

Ministerial Support.—Elder H. S. Spivey and F. Howard.

Periodicals.—Elder J. T. Townsend and T. W. Devane.

Obituaries.—Elders J. M. Beasley and J. H. Cobb.

Appointed Elders J. M. Beasley, Wm. Brunt, A. B. Alderman, H. S. Spivey and T. W. Devane a committee to prepare a Covenant, Articles of Faith and Rules of Order for the better government of the churches composing this body, and present them at the next session.

All the unfinished business be referred to the Executive Board.

Clerk to have $25 00 for his services.

Minutes to be distributed according to the funds sent up by the different churches.

Minutes read and ratified.

Association then adjourned to time and place next appointed.

Closing services conducted by Elder J. D. Hufham, who made feeling remarks on the history of this Association.

Hymn: "Hail sweetest, dearest ties that bind."

Prayer, Elder J. D. Hufham, leading.

Benediction by the Moderator.

J. M. BEASLEY, *Moderator.*

D. W. McGUGAN, *Clerk.*

SABBATH MORNING.

Elder Hufham opened the exercises of the day, hymn 417.

Prayer, Elder J. D. Hufham, leading.

Hymn, "Come, guilty sinner, come and see."

Elder Brunt reads a part of the 2nd chapter Gallatians.

Text, Gal. 2d chap., 20th verse.

The introduction was hardly delivered when it commenced raining, and Elder Brunt was compelled to close.

Thus closed a pleasant and harmonious session.

DELEGATES.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Cape Fear.—C. D. Berk, J. T. Tolar, Wm. Butler.
Cedar Creek.—Eld. B. F. Jessup, R. A. Melvin, G. T. Rollins.
Concord.—Eld. R. Fisher, J. L. Autrie, D. J. Davis.
Magnolia.—H. Jones, R. F. Strickland, J. H. Averit.
Piney Grove.—S. J. Guy, Jas. Guy, T. W. Devane.
Fayetteville.—Elders Wm. Brunt, J. M. Beasley, P. Taylor.
Rockfish.—J. Muslewhite, Jas. Holt, M. Morgan.
Manchester.—S. R. Rainer, G. Newton, Z. B. Newton.
Antioch.—A. Bain, N. H. Gibbs, J. W. Taylor.
Judson.—Eld. J. T. Townsend.

SAMPSON COUNTY.

Baptist Chapel.—Eld. B. Jackson, J. D. Maloy, B. Williams.
Spring Branch.—Thos. B. Strickland, G. Godwin, S. Wiliford.
White Oak.—Jas. Herring, M. Crumpler, H. K. Bennet.
Salem.—Eld. A. B. Alderman, W. A. Bagget, J. C. Howard.
Pleasant Union.—G. M. D. Howard, W. H. Fisher, W. Lockomon.
Piney Green.—J. A. Royal, L. Butler, R. Drawhorn.
Corinth.—J. Horn, C. A. Carter, W. Lockamy.
Mount Elam.—W. H. McLamb, B. Warren, J. W. Bass.
Smith's Chapel.—M. Carter, W. Carter, R. Cain.

ROBESON COUNTY.

Providence.—D. W. McGugan, Jas. A. McGugan, J. W. Cobb.
Green Spring.—M. Cashwell, O. W. Council, J. G. Fisher.
Saddletree.—Eld. E. D. Johnson, W. S. Johnson, J. A. Powell.
Clybons.—Eld. F. Prevatt, F. A. Prevatt, Wm. B. Odum.

BLADEN COUNTY.

Cyprus Creek.—Eld. J. Smith, A. S. Smith, T. M. Smith.
Briar Branch.—J. H. Tatum, M. Johnson, W. H. Downing.
Beaver Dam.—W. F. Beard, D. Bullard, F. P. Smith.
Bladen Union.—J. C. Johnson, Wm. Hollingsworth, F. Davis.
Shiloh.—P. Monroe, A. Core, C. H. Monroe.
White Oak—Eld. Wm. Melvin, M. Melvin.

MOORE COUNTY.

Commons Grove.—H. W. Graham, D. Clark.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

On hand October 15th, 1870,	$80 58
Amount received from churches and individuals,	190 24
Minute fund of 1870,	60 25
Board of Education,	42 50
Foreign Missions,	34 65
	$408 22
By Contra,	$265 40
	$142 82

Paid to Itinerants,	$128 00	
Printing Minutes,	40 25	
To Clerk,	20 00	
Foreign Missions,	34 65	
Board of Education,	42 50	
	$265 40	
On hand October 14th, 1871,		$142 82

D. W. McGUGAN, *Treasurer.*

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION AS INDICATED BY THE CHURCH LETTERS.

Cape Fear.—They have been revived. Elder E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Cedar Creek.—They have been revived, and are in peace. Nineteen added by Baptism. Elder B. F. Jessup, Pastor.

Concord.—They have had interesting meetings. Eld. B. Jackson, Pastor.

Magnolia.—Has nothing encouraging. Elder R. Newton, Pastor.

Piney Grove.—They have nothing special. Elder H. S. Spivey, Pastor.

Fayetteville.—They have been somewhat revived. Twenty-one added by baptism. Elder Wm. Brunt, Pastor.

Manchester.—They have been revived. Elder J. M. Beasley, Pastor.

Rockfish.—Nothing special. Elder D. A. Buie, Pastor.

Antioch.—They have been revived. Twenty added by baptism. Elder J. M. Beasley, Pastor.

Baptist Chapel.—Nothing important. Elder R. Fisher, Pastor.

Spring Branch.—They have been revived. Nineteen added by baptism. Elder W. C. West, Pastor.

Salem.—Nothing special. Elder H. S. Spivey, Pastor.

Pleasant Union.—Nothing interesting. Elder W. M. Page, Pastor.

Piney Green.—They have been revived. Forty-three added by baptism. Elder B. Jackson, supply.

White Oak.—(Sampson County,) reports nothing special. Elder H. S. Spivey Pastor.

Corinth.—Nothing special. Elder N. Mercer, Pastor.

Mount Elam.—They have been revived. Elder R. Fisher, Pastor.

Cypress Creek.—They have been revived. Thirteen added by baptism. Elder F. Prevatt, Pastor.

Briar Church.—They have been revived. Twenty-three added by baptism. Elder Wm. S. Melvin, Pastor.

Beaver Dam.—Has been revived. Elder Wm. S. Melvin, Pastor.

Shiloh.—Has had some additions. Elder B. F. Jessup, Pastor.

White Oak, (Bladen County.) Has been revived. Twenty-two added by baptism. Elder F. Prevatt, Pastor.

Bladen Union has been revived. Forty-eight added. Elder E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Green Spring.—Has had some additions. Elder E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Providence.—Has nothing interesting. Elder J. Monroe, Pastor.

Saddletree.—Nothing interesting. Elder E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Clybons.—Nothing interesting. Elder F. Prevatt, Pastor.

Camron's Grove.—Is increasing. Elder W. C. West, Pastor.

Smith's Chapel.—Is a newly organized church. Elder J. Smith, Pastor.

Judson.—Is a newly oaganized church. Elder J. M. Beasley, Pastor

TABLE SHOWING THE AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHURCHES, ADDITIONS, DIMINUTIONS, SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS, CHURCHES, SUPERINTENDENTS, NO. OF TEACHERS, NO. OF PUPILS, VOLS. IN LIBRARY.

	CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHURCHES.					Ad't'ns			Dism'n.						SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.				
CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Total Am't.	Baptised.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deaths.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Total.	CHURCHES.	Superintendants.	No. Teachers.	No. Pupils.	Vols. in Library.
Cape Fear,	$ 3 25	$ 5 00	$ 7 55		$15 80	10		2	8	1		144		144	Cape Fear,				
Cedar Creek,	3 00				3 00	19	3	4			1	148		148	Cedar Creek,	D. T. Averitt,			
Concord,	3 60				3 60	12		5	1	6		143	1	144	Concord,				
Magnolia,	2 15				2 15		2		5	2	1	56	3	59	Magnolia,	J. H. Averitt,	4	30	125
Piney Grove,	2 00				2 00	3	2		3	1		65	50	115	Piney Grove,	T. W. Devans,	7	50	
Fayetteville,	5 00	10 00	15 00		30 00	21	6	2	8	2	3	230	138	368	Fayetteville,	Jas. F. Marsh,	4	60	400
Manchester,	2 50	5 00			7 50	12	9			5	1				Manchester,	Z. T. Kivett,	4	80	75
Antioch,	2 50	5 00			7 50	20	7	1	1	3	2	105	4	109	Antioch,	N. A. Gibbs,	8	62	
Judson,	2 50				2 50		2					9		9	Judson,				
Rockfish,	1 00				1 00	6	2	1		2				76	Rockfish,				
Baptist Chapel,	5 00	5 00			10 00			1	3	9	2	174	87	261	Baptist Chapel,	W. C. Jackson,			
Spring Branch,	3 00				3 00	19	1	2	8	4	2	168	3	171	Spring Branch	H. T. Jackson,			
White Oak, (S.)	2 00				2 00			1	3			93	50	143	White Oak, (S.)			54	
Salem,	2 00				2 00		6					144	10	154	Salem,				
Pleasant Union,	3 00	1 50			4 50	15		5	4	4		121	5	126	Pleasant Union,				
Piney Green,	2 00				2 00	43	1	6				63	33	96	Piney Green,				
Corinth,	1 00				1 00	1	4	1	8	2		66		66	Corinth,	S. Carter,	5	49	
Mount Elam,	2 50				2 50	14	2					43		43	Mount Elam,				
Smith's Chapel,	2 00				2 00	23	32					55		55	Smith's Chapel,	F. H. Armstrong,		60	
Green Spring,	2 00	10 00	7 50		19 50	10	5	1	4	3				76	Gum Spring,				
Providence,	3 00	10 00	8 00		21 00	2			3			65	10	75	Providence,	S. J. Cobb, Sr.	3	27	200
Saddletree,	4 00		7 20		11 20	8				4	3	127	55	182	Saddletree.				

Clybons,	2 00	20 00		22 00	2		1		1				42	Clybons,			
Cypress Creek,	2 50			2 50	13	1	1	16	3	2	79	1	80	Cypress Creek,			30
Briar Branch,	2 50			2 50	23	5	5	1	2	2		6	123	Briar Branch,		4	30
White Oak, (B.)	2 50			2 50	22	10	3	3	3	4			124	White Oak, (S.)			
Beaver Dam,	2 50	10 25		12 75	13	3	8	12	3		113	7	120	Beaver Dam,			
Bladen–Union,	3 00	7 00		10 00	48	5	2				111	3	114	Bladen Union,			
Shiloh,	1 00	50		1 50	3		2	3	1				50	Shiloh,			
Camron's Grove	2 00			2 00	14	2		4					35	Camron's Grove			

EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER, 1871, AND ENDING OCTOBER, 1872.

Cape Fear.—C. D. Berk.
Cedar Creek.—P. P. Rollins.
Concord.—J. F. Autrie.
Magnolia.—B. Fisher.
Piney Grove.—
Fayetteville.—P. Taylor.
Rockfish.—
Piney Green.—J. A. Royal.
Corinth.—J. Horn.
Mount Elam.—T. C. Jackson.
Green Spring.—O. W. Council.
Providence.—D. W. McGugan.
Saddletreee.—
Clybons.—F. A. Prevall.
Cypress Creek.—Elder J. Smith.
Manchester.—Elder R. Newton.
Antioch.—H. L. Hall.
Baptist Chapel.—B. Williams.
Spring Branch.—H. T. Jackson.
White Oak.—E. Herring.
Salem.—J. C. Howard.
Pleasant Union.—W. H. Fisher.
Briar Branch.—J. H. Tatum.
Beaver Dam.—J. Melvin.
Bladen Union.—
Shiloh.—
Camrons Grove.—D. Clark.
White Oak.—I. J. Cain, Bladen Co.
Smith's Chapel.—W. R. Carter.
Judson.—Eld. J. T. Townsend.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS & P. OFFICES.	CLERKS & POST OFFICES.
Cape Fear,	E. D. Johnson, Lumberton.	Jas. Marsh, Grey's Creek.
Cedar Creek,	B. F. Jessup, Cedar Creek.	W. S. Hare, Cedar Creek.
Concord,	B. Jackson, Hawley Store.	Jas. L. Autrie, Blockersville.
Magnolia,	R. Newton, Manchester.	J. H. Averitt, "
Piney Grove,	H. S. Spivey, Owensville.	S. J. Guy, Fayetteville.
Fayetteville,	Wm Brunt, Fayetteville.	J .Hollingsworth, Fayetteville.
Rockfish,	D. A. Buie, "	Jno. Maplewhite, Manchester.
Manchester,	J. M. Beasley, "	D. Kivett, Manchester.
Antioch,	" " "	J. Daughtry, Fayetteville.
Judson,	" " "	J. T. Townsend, Fayetteville.
Baptist Chapel,	R. Fisher, Blockersville.	H. J. Lockamy, Hawley's Store
Spring Branch,	W. C. West, Fayetteville.	T. B. Strickland, "
White Oak, (S.)	H. S. Spivey, Owensville.	J. Bennett, Clinton.
Salem,	" " "	J. C. Howard, Clinton.
Pleasant Union,	W. M. Page, Hawley's Store.	W. S. Howard, Owensville.
Piney Green,	B. Jackson, "	J. A. Royal, Clinton.
Corinth,	N. Mercer, Lumberton.	S. Carter. "
Mount Elam,	R. Fisher, Blockersville.	B. Warren, Hawley's Store.
Smith's Chapel,	Joab Smith, Elizabethtown.	W. R. Carter, Owensville.
Green Spring,	E. D. Johnson, Lumberton.	O. W. Council, Roslin.
Providence,	J. Monroe, Laurinburg.	D. W. McGugan, Dundarrach.
Saddletree,	E. D. Johnson, Lumberton.	S. R. Davis, Lumberton.
Clybon's,	F. Prevatt, Lumberton.	W. B. Odum, "
Cypress Creek,	F. Prevatt, "	M. M. K. Smith, Elizabetht'n.
BriarBranch,	W. S. Melvin, Elizabethtown.	W. T. Jessup, "
Beaver Dam,	Wm. S. Melvin, "	M. H. Bullard, Fayetteville.
Bladen Union,	E. D. Johnson, Lumberton.	J. C. Johnson, St. Paul's.
Shiloh,	B. F. Jessup, Cedar Creek.	A. Core, Council's Bluff.
Camron's Grove,	W. C. West, Fayetteville	D. Clark, Swan's Station.
White Oak, (B.)	F. Prevatt, Lumberton.	D. M. Melvin, Elizabethtown.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Thursday, October 17th, 1872.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. T. Townsend, from the 21st chapter of Matthew and the 28th verse, last clause: "Son, go work to-day in my vineyard."

After an interval of forty-five minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. M. Beaseley, and organized by reading a portion of Scripture, singing, and prayer by Elder F. Prevatt.

A majority of the Churches being represented, the Association proceeded to business.

Elder L. Bryan and Brother M. McK. Smith were appointed Reading Clerks.

Brothers C. D. Nixon and R. W. Brooks were appointed a Committee of Finance.

The Church letters were then called for, read and the names of delegates enrolled.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Cape Fear—C. D. Berk, Jos. T. Tolar, Jos. Thames.

Cedar Creek—Elder B. F. Jessup, N. Cashwell, M. H. Sewall.

Concord—Elder R. Fisher, W. B. Horn, D. J. Davis.

Magnolia—Elder L. Bryan, J. H. Averitt, D. Strickland.

Pine Grove—S. J. Guy, C. E. Beard, A. J. Guy.

Fayetteville—Elders Wm. Brunt, J. M. Beasley and P. Taylor.

Rockfish—J. Muslewhite, T. H. Massey.

Manchester—D. Kivett, Jas. Monk, R. W. Brooks.

Antioch—H. L. Hall, S. Strickland.
Kingsbury—C. D. Nixon.
Judson—Eld. J. T. Townsend, L. Daniel, Eld. J. T. Honrine.
Beaver Creek—Jas. Holt, M. Strickland.

SAMPSON COUNTY.

Baptist Chapel—Elder W. M. Page, O. Jackson, H. L. Wrench.
Spring Branch—L. Godwin, S. Wiliford.
White Oak—A. R. Crumpler, E. S. Herring.
Pleasant Union—L. Faircloth, J. A. R. Howard, J. Fisher.
Salem—Elders H. S. Spivey, A. B. Alderman, and R. Butler.
Pine Green—W. B. Royal, J. O. Tew, F. Tew.
Corinth—J. Horn, Jas. O. Carter.
Mount Elam—Thos. N. Jackson, W. Strickland.
Smith's Chapel—W. R. Carter.

BLADEN COUNTY.

Cypress Creek—Elder J. Smith, J. Cain, M. McK. Smith.
Brier Branch—W. H. Downing, D. S. Tatum, M. Johnson.
Beaver Dam—D. S. Bullard, G. T. Horn.
Bladen Union—J. S. Willis, R. M. Tolar.
Shiloh—J. M. Gee, A. Core.
White Oak—Elder Wm. S. Melvin, Elder E. Martin, D. B. Melvin.
Mount Olive—Willis Allen.

ROBESON COUNTY.

Green Spring—J. N. Cashwell, L. R. Hall.
Providence—D. W. McGugan, C. P. McGugan, N. S. Tolar.
Saddletree—L. Humphrey.
Clybons—Elders F. Prevatt, F. A. Prevatt, and W. B. Odum.
Great Marsh—Elder E. D. Johnson, J. G. Fisher, A. Odum.

MOORE COUNTY.

Cameron's Grove—R. Wilson, W. Freeman

The term of the officers having expired, the Association balloted for officers; re-elected former officers, to-wit: Elder J. M. Beasley, Moderator; D. W. McGugan, Clerk and Treasurer.

Extended an invitation to Churches wishing to form a connection with this Association.

Great Marsh, in Robeson County; *Mount Olive*, in Bladen County, newly constituted Churches, and *Beaver Creek*, in Cumberland County, recently organized, were received as constituent members.

Extended an invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. Brother H. S. Averitt, from the Eastern, presented himself and was welcomed to a seat.

The letter of dismission granted the *Saddletree* Church, at the last session, for the purpose of assisting in forming a new Association, was returned, (the enterprise having failed.) It was retained as a member of this body.

The pastor and deacons of the *Cedar Creek* Church were appointed a committee to regulate the preaching exercises.

The male members of the Church were appointed a Committee of Vigilance.

The Association then adjourned until 10 o'clock, Friday morning. Prayer, Elder J. T. Hourine leading. Benediction by the Moderator.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The Association met at the appointed hour, and resumed business, by reading a portion of Scripture and the singing of a hymn, followed with prayer, Elder E. D. Johnson leading.

Names of delegates were then called; minutes of preceding day read and approved.

An invitation was extended to corresponding and visiting brethren. Elder H. McAlpin, from the *Eastern;* Elder N. Mercer, from the *Cape Fear;* Brother J. M. Stinson, from the *Sandy Creek*, and Brother D. T. Averitt, from the *Central*, Associations, presented themselves and were welcomed to seats.

Elders J. T. Townsend, J. Smith, and Brother M. McK. Smith were appointed a committee to select writers and subjects for next session.

Elders H. S. Spivey, A. B. Alderman and Brother H. L. Hall were appointed a committee to appoint *Corresponding Messengers.*

Corresponding Messengers appointed at last session were called on to report.

Elders E. D. Johnson, W. S. Melvin, F. Prevatt, reported having attended the *Cape Fear* Association, and were cordially received. None of the others appointed attended.

Elders H. McAlpin, E. D. Johnson and L. Bryan were appointed a committee to audit the reports of the Treasurer and Financial Committee.

The writers appointed at last session were called on to report. Report on *Home Missions* called for, read, and after remarks from Elders H. S. Spivey, H. McAlpin and Wm. Brunt and Brother Averitt, the report was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The Association took a recess for one hour.

AFTERNOON.

The Association called on and resumed business.

Report on *Foreign Missions* was called for, read, and after addresses from Elders A. B. Aldermon, H. McAlpin, E. D. Johnson, L. Bryan and others, a collection was taken up, amounting to $39.40, in aid of Foreign Missions. The report was adopted. (See Appendix.)

Appointed Elders R. Fisher, B. Jackson and Bro. D. W. McGugan a committee to nominate the Executive Board.

The Association then gave way to a meeting of the Home Mission Board.

Association resumed business.

Elders H. McAlpin, Wm. Brunt and A. B. Alderman were appointed a committee to prepare a form for church letters, and report the same on Saturday morning.

The Association then adjourned until Saturday morning, 10 o'clock. Closed with prayer, Elder R. Fisher leading.

Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association met at the appointed hour and resumed business by reading a portion of Scripture, singing a hymn and prayer, Brother R. Wilson, leading.

Minutes of the preceeding day read and approved.

Names of delegates called and absentees marked.

The invitation to visitors was renewed. Brother J. H. Mills, Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, and Brother Ewin Johnson, of the Cape Fear Association, being present, were welcomed to seats.

Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's and Financial Committee's reports, made their report, which was read and appended.

Committee appointed to prepare a form of Church letters reported. Received and appended.

The report on Periodicals was called for. After being read and addresses delivered by Elders Townsend, Spivey, Jessup and Bothers Mills and others, the report was adopted and ordered to be appended.

Report on Ministerial Education called for, which was read. After remarks from various Brothers, the report was received. A collection amounting to $12.63, in aid of the Board of Education at Wake Forest College, was then taken up.

The Report on Sabbath Schools was called for, read, and received.

The Association suspended business for half an hour.

Association, at the time appointed, resumed business.

Report on Corresponding Messengers read and received.

The committee on Church Covenant, Articles of Faith, and Rules of Order, appointed at the last Session, reported, but were continued another year, and allowed to condense their reports.

Report on Ministerial Support read and received.

Elders H. S. Spivey, Wm. Brunt and Brother P. Taylor were constituted a committee to appoint delegates to the Baptist State Convention. [See Appendix.]

Resolved, That the next session of this body be held with the Church at Providence, Robeson county, N. C., to meet on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1873. Elder J. M. Beasley to preach the introductory sermon. Elder F. A. Privett, *alternate.* Elder A. B. Alderman the Missionary sermon on Sabbath; Elder F. Prevatt, *alternate.* That the Clerk is to have $25.00 for his services; and minutes to be distributed in proportion to the funds sent up by the Churches.

Resolved, 2d, That the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered to the citizens in the vicinity of Cedar Creek, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained it.

Agreed that one-half of the Sabbath collection be devoted to Home Missions, and the other half to assist in erecting the Baptist house of worship in the City of Rome.

The committee on writers and subjects for the next session reported.

Home Missions—Elder H. S. Spivey and F. H. Howard.

Foreign Missions—Elder Wm. Brunt and P. Taylor.

Ministerial Education—Elder J. M. Beasley and D. Kivett.

Sabbath Schools—Jas. F. Marsh and S. J. Guy.

Ministerial Support—Elders A. B. Alderman and B. Jackson.

Periodicals—Elders W. S. Melvin and F. A. Prevatt.

Obituaries—Elders Wm. Brunt and J. M. Beasley.

The Treasurer was called on to report. Report received.

Resolved, That the Executive Board be authorized to employ some able and efficient Minister to labor as Missionary at Large in the Association.

Resolved, 2d, That the salary be left with the board.

Resolved, 3d, That each Church send up funds, for this object, to each session of the Board.

All the unfinished business was referred to the Executive Board.

The Association then adjourned until the time and place next appointed.

Closing exercises were conducted by Elder H. McAlpin.

After a few remarks, the following hymn was sung: "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand."

Prayer, Elder H. McAlpin leading. Benediction by Elder H. McAlpin.

J. M. BEASLEY,
D. W. McGugan, *Clerk.* *Moderator.*

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

To the Eastern—Elders H. S. Spivey and A. B. Alderman.

To the Raleigh—Elder J. M. Beasley and D. Kivett

To the Cape Fear—Elders W. S. Melvin and E. D. Johnson.

To the Pee Dee—D. B. McGugan and S. W. Cobb.

To the Sandy Creek—Elder Wm. Brunt and Jas. F. Marsh.

Sabbath Morning.

Elder H. McAlpin opened the exercises of the morning. Hymn, "Faith adds new charms to earthly bliss."

Prayer, Elder H. McAlpin, leading.

Elder Wm. Brunt reads twenty verses of the 2d chapter Collossians.

Hymn, "Lord, did'st thou die, but not for me."

Text, Gallatians, 2d chapter, 20th verse: "I am crucified with Christ."

After the sermon, the hymn commencing, "There is a fountain filled with blood," was sung. During the singing a collection, amounting to $36.37 was taken up for the benefit of Home and Foreign Missions.

After an interval of one hour, the audience were addressed by Elder W. S. Melvin.

Thus closed a pleasant and harmonious session.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD TO THE ASSOCIATION.

The operations of the Board were never more encouraging. The Board held three regular meetings the past year. It has expended $208.00 in sending Ministers to supply destitute sections, and aid feeble churches in our bounds. The Missionaries report sixty-one baptisms and two new churches organized, as the result of their labors.

Respectfully submitted,

P. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

TEASURER'S REPORT.

On hand October 14th, 1871,		$142 82
Received from Administrator of A. Melvin,		49 00
Received from churches and individuals,		81 24
Minute fund of 1871,		79 00
Foreign Mission Fund,		47 75
		$399 81
BY CONTRA.		
Foreign Mission Board at Richmond,	$ 47 75	
Exchange on same,	25	
Printing Minutes,	31 00	
Clerk,	25 00	
Paid to Missionaries,	208 00	
		$312 00
On hand October 19th, 1872,		$ 87 81

D. W. McGUGAN, *Treasurer.*

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer and Financial Committee, report that they find all correct.

COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION AS INDICATED BY THE CHURCH LETTERS.

Cape Fear—Nothing cheering. Elder E. D. Johnson, Pastor.
Cedar Creek—Nothing special. Elder B. F. Jessup, Pastor.
Concord—Has nothing interesting. Elder R. Fisher, Pastor.
Magnolia—Nothing special. Elder R. Newton, Pastor.
Pine Grove—Has nothing interesting. Elder H. S. Spivey, Pastor.
Fayetteville—Nothing special. Elder Wm. Brunt, Pastor.
Manchester—They have been revived; twenty added by baptism. Elder J. M. Beasley, Pastor.
Rockfish—Nothing special. Elder D. A. Buie, Pastor.
Antioch—They have interesting meetings. Elder J. M. Beasley, Pastor.
Kingsbury—Complaints of coldness, but hopes for better times. Elder R. Newton, Pastor.
Judson—They are in a healthy condition. Elder J. M. Beasley, Pastor.
Beaver Creek—Is a newly constituted church. Elder D. A. Buie, Pastor.
Baptist Chapel—Has been somewhat revived; fourteen added by baptism. Elder W. M. Page, Pastor.
Spring Branch—Nothing special; in a cold condition. Elder W. M. Page, Pastor.
Salem—Nothing interesting. Elder H. S. Spivey, Pastor.
Pleasant Union—Complaints of coldness. Elder W. M. Page, Pastor.
Pine Green—Has been much revived; thirty-seven added by baptism. Elder B. Jackson, Pastor.
White Oak—Has nothing special. Elder H. S. Spivey, Pastor.
Corinth—Nothing special. Elder N. Mercer, Pastor.
Mount Elam—Nothing interesting. Elder R. Fisher, Pastor.
Smith's Chapel—They are in a thriving condition. Elder Joab Smith, Pastor.
Cypress Creek—Has been revived. Elder W. S. Melvin, Pastor.
Brier Branch—Nothing interesting. Elder W. S. Melvin, Pastor.
Beaver Dam—Has been revived. Elder W. S. Melvin, Pastor.
Bladen Union—They are gaining strength. Elder E. D. Johnson, Pastor.
Shiloh—Nothing interesting. Elder B. Jessup, Pastor.
White Oak—Has been revived; eleven added by baptism. Elder Wm. S. Melvin, Pastor.
Mount Olive—Is a newly organized church, and is growing. Elder F. A. Prevatt, Pastor.
Providence—Nothing special. Elder J. Monroe, Pastor.
Green Spring—They have been revived; sixteen received by baptism. Elder E. D. Johnson, Pastor.
Saddletree—They have been revived. Elder E. D. Johnson, Pastor.
Clybon's—Is increasing. Elder F. Prevatt, Pastor.
Great Marsh—Is a newly organized body; in a flourishing condition. Elder E. D. Johnson, Pastor.
Cameron's Grove—Nothing interesting. Elder W. C. West, Pastor.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. (Result:) He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved: but he that believeth not, shall be damned. Mark, 16th chap., 16th verse.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. ALDERMAN.

DELEGATES TO THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

J. T. Tolar,
Elder B. F. Jessup,
Elder R. Fisher,
Elder L. Bryan,
Elder J. M. Beasley,
Elder Wm. Brunt,
S. J. Guy,
J. Muslewhite,
D. Kivett,
H. L. Hall,
Elder W. M. Page,
J. M. Cashwell,
M. McK. Smith,
J. H. Tatum,
D. S. Bullard,
C. D. Nixon,
Elder E. D. Johnson,
Theo. Evans,
Elder A. B. Alderman,
Jas. F. Marsh,
W. H. Tomlinson,
Elder Wm. C. West.
Elder F. Prevatt.
Elder J. Smith,
H. K. Bennett,
J. A. R. Howard,
Elder H. S. Spivey,
W. B. Royal,
D. W. McGugan,
L. Humphrey,
R. Cain,
Elder J. T. Townsend,
Elder Wm. S. Melvin,
R. Wilson,
Thos. McDaniel,
Elder J. T. Hourine,
Elder D. A. Buie,
T. W. Devane,
A. Black,
P. Taylor,
T. J. Johnson,
V. Downing,
Elder J. H. Cobb,

EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER, 1872, AND ENDING OCTOBER, 1873.

CHURCHES.	NAMES.	CHURCHES.	NAMES.
Cape Fear,	C. D. Berk.	Mount Elam,	T. C. Jackson.
Cedar Creek,	Alex. Thagard.	White Oak,	E. S. Herring.
Concord,	D. J. Davis,	Providence,	D. W. McGugan.
Magnolia,	W. A. Bryan.	Green Spring,	M. Cashwell.
Pine Grove,	S. J. Guy.	Saddletree,	L. Humphrey.
Fayetteville,	Eld. J. M. Beasley.	Clybons,	Eld. F. A. Prevatt.
Rockfish,	J. M. White.	Great Marsh,	Eld. E. D. Johnson.
Kingsbury,	C. D. Nixon.	Cypress Creek,	Eld. Joab Smith.
Manchester,	Eld. R. Newton.	Bladen Union,	R. M. Tolar.
Antioch,	H. L. Hall.	Brier Branch,	J. H. Tatum.
Judson,	Eld. J. F. Townsend.	Beaver Dam,	Irwin Melvin.
Baptist Chapel,	Eld. B. Jackson.	Shiloh,	J. M. Gee.
Spring Branch,	S. Wiliford.	White Oak,	I. J. Cain.
Salem,	J. C. Howard.	Camron's Grove,	H. W. Graham.
Pleasant Union,	W. H. Fisher.	Smith's Chapel,	W. R. Carter.
Pine Green,	D. W. Tew.	Mount Olive,	W. Allen.
Corinth,	J. Horn.	Beaver Creek,	M. Strickland.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your committee on ministerial support, beg leave to submit the following. That the churches give their pastors good salaries, and pay them promptly.

H. S. SPIVEY.

LIST OF CHURCHES COMPOSING CEDAR CREEK ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS & P. OFFICES.	CLERKS & POST OFFICES.
Cape Fear,	E. D. Johnson, Lumberton,	Jas. Marsh, Grey's Creek.
Cedar Creek,	B. F. Jessup, Cedar Creek,	M. H. Sewall, Cedar Creek.
Concord,	R. Fisher, Blockersville,	D. J. Davis, Blockersville.
Magnolia,	R. Newton, Manchester,	J. H. Averitt, “
Pine Grove,	H. S. Spivey, Owensville,	S. J. Guy, Fayetteville.
Fayetteville,	Wm. Brunt, Fayetteville,	Isaac Hollingsworth, “
Rockfish,	D. A. Buie, Fayetteville,	John Muslewhite, Manchester.
Kingsbury,	R. Newton, Manchester,	C. D. Nixon, Fayetteville.
Manchester,	J. M. Beasley, Fayetteville,	D. Kivett, Manchester.
Antioch,	“ “ “	J. Daughtrey, Fayetteville.
Judson,	“ “ “	J. T. Townsend, “
Baptist Chapel,	W. M. Page, Hawley's Store,	H. J. Lockamy, Hawley's Store,
Spring Branch,	“ “ “	T. B. Strickland, “
White Oak, S.,	H. S. Spivey, Owensville,	Geo. W. Bennett, Clinton.
Salem,	“ “ “	J. C. Howard, “
Pleasant Union,	W. M. Page, Hawley's Store,	W. H. Fisher, Owensville.
Pine Green,	B. Jackson. “	J. A. Royal, Clinton.
Corinth,	N. Mercer, Lumberton.	John Horn, “
Mount Elam,	R. Fisher, Blockersville,	B. Warren, Hawley's Store.
Smith's Chapel,	J. Smith, ——,	W. R. Carter, Owensville.
Green Spring,	E. D. Johnson, St. Paul's,	M. Cashwell, Roslin.
Providence,	J. Monroe, Laurel Hill,	D. W. McGugan, Dundarrach.
Saddletree,	E. D. Johnson, St. Paul's,	S. R. Davis, Lumberton.
Clybon's,	F. Prevatt, Lumberton,	W. B. Odum, “
Great Marsh,	E. D. Johnson, St. Paul's,	A. Odum, St. Paul's.
Cypress Creek,	W. S. Melvin, Elizabethtown,	M. McK. Smith, Elizabethtown.
Brier Branch,	“ “ “	W. T. Jessup, “
Beaver Dam,	“ “ “	M. H. Bullard, Blockersville.
White Oak, B.,	W. S. Melvin, Harrison's Cr'k,	D. M. Melvin, Harrison's Cr'k,
Shiloh,	B. F. Jessup, Cedar Creek,	Isaac McGee, Lowland, Bladen.
Mount Olive,	F. Prevatt, Lumberton,	M. Singletary, ——.
Bladen Union,	E. D. Johnson, St. Paul's,	J. C. Johnson, St. Paul's.
Beaver Creek,	D. A. Buie, Fayetteville,	Jas. Holt, Fayetteville.
Cameron's Grove.	W. C. West, “	D. Clark, Swan's Station.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee feel unable to do justice, in reporting on so important a subject. The cause of missions is the cause of every man, woman and child. Our churches seem to be quite indifferent on this subject. The people want light and knowledge; your committee believe that the missionary is the most effectual way of shedding forth that light and knowledge so beneficial to all claeses of men. Does any doubt this? If so, we invite him to examine this Association for the past five or six years. See the churches organized, and the houses of worship erected and the general good done. The question is, would this have been done without the missionary? Your committee think not. Your committee feel at liberty to urge upon all ministers in this Association to press this great cause upon their churches. This great cause cannot and will not prosper unless the pastor in charge is full of the mission spirit. In the present age we urge the necessity of a missionary society in each church. Be not deceived. Our churches are cold missionary bodies. Is this true? Our churches are governed by majorities—then the majority is the church. Does the majority contribute to the cause of missions? If not, are they missionary churches? Judge ye. Will the pastors and deacons look at the interest manifested in their respective churches upon domestic missions? If we call our churches missionary bodies and contribute nothing to the missionary cause, then we make ourselves fit subjects for rebuke by all good men.

P. TAYLOR, }
J. F. MARSH, } Com.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee on obituaries, beg leave to say that the Association have great reason to be greatful to an all-wise and beneficent God for his preserving care over us the past associational year. We have lost by death about thirty members; one in every hundred, how remarkable! We have lost none of our ministers, and while several good, worthy, and long tried members, male and female, have gone to their reward in Heaven, yet few of our active and leading men have died. Oh, let us devote the lives, thus mercifully prolonged, more faithfully to our God in the future!

Repectfully submitted,

J. M. BEASLEY, Ch'n.

FORM OF LETTERS.

The Baptist Church at............, to the Cedar Creek Association, greeting:
We delegate brethren,..
Baptized, - - - .... Dismissed, - - - ....
Restored, - . - - .... Excluded, - - - - ....
By Letter, - - - .... Died, - - - - ....

Total, - - - - .... - - - - - - ....
Minute Fund, - - - - - - - - - - ....
Foreign Missions, - - - - - - - - - - ....
Domestic Missions, - - - - - - - - - ....
Education, - - - - - - - - - - - ....
Pastor's Post Office, - - - - - - - - - ....
Clerk's Post Office, - - - - - - - - - - ....
Remarks. - - - - - - - - - - - ....
Sunday School Superintendent, - - - - - - - ....
Number of Male Teachers, - - - - - - - - ....
Number of Female Teachers, - - - - - - - ....
Number of Scholars, - - - - - - - - - ....
Time of meeting, - - - - - - - - - ....
By order of Conference.

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Moderator.

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Clerk.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Brother Moderator: Your committee feel that they cannot too strongly urge the great importance of supplying ourselves and families with pure religious literature, and we know of no better plan to accomplish this object than through our religious newspapers. We therefore heartily recommend the *Biblical Recorder*, as a paper full of instruction, and sound in doctrine, and in every respect worthy of the patronage of every Baptist, and should be fully sustained. We would also recommend the *Home and Foreign Journal* as also of great importance as a medium of information, concerning our missionary work. There are also several Sabbath-school papers for the children, which should not be forgotten, especially *Kind Words* and *Child's Delight.* All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. T. TOWNSEND.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Bro. Moderator: Your committee take great pleasure in stating that Baptists are thorough friends, advocates, and supporters of education. Their own institutions of learning, both literary and theological, and the support they have given other schools abundantly prove this. We all desire to be educated, and wish our posterity to advance each successive generation beyond the preceding. The age calls most imperatively for an educated ministry. And we feel free to say, that the voice of the people is the voice of God. It is the long establishad and well matured conviction of your committee, that every minister should seek diligently every kind of mental improvement and every kind of useful intelligence, of which time and circumstances may admit. We believe that it is a matter of great importance that every minister should obtain, if psssible, a thorough literary training. Mathematics, pure and mixed, the metaphysical studies, &c., all contribute to its efficiency. But we desire to call attention to the new plan of Theological Education, suggested by Dr. J. P. Boyce, and carried out by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. This new plan does not require a collegiate or university course of instruction, in order to enter and reap great advantage from our seminary. Arrangements are made by which men of only a plain English education may study with great profit all the subjects involved in preaching the gospel and the work of the ministry. This is accomplished without prejudice or injury to the arrangements by which men of thorough literary training may investigate the same subject in the same class, and also in separate classes, on a more thorough scale. For example: all may be in one class on such subjects as O. T. and N. T., History and Interpretation, Biblical Introduction, Church History, Homilectics, Church Government and Pastoral Duties, Polemic and Apologetic Theology, Systematic Theology, &c., while the literary men of the class may be formed into another class pursuing such studies as may be more thoroughly explored in Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Chaldee, &c. The experiment has proved the wisdom of the plan. It is one of the glories of the age, and especially adapted to our denomination, for Theological students of all kinds.

D. W. McGUGAN, } Com.
WM. BRUNT, }

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

This is an age in which the importance of Sabbath Schools is so generally admitted that almost every Baptist is ready with a good word for it; but we discover a lamentable indisposition to perform the *good work* indispensable to advance its interest.

Respectfully submitted,
H. S. AVERITT.

TABLE SHOWING THE AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHURCHES, ADDITIONS, DIMINUTIONS & S. S. STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHURCHES.						Additions.			Diminut'n.			Membership.			SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.			
	Minute Fund.	Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.	Educati'n	Pastor's Salary.	Total.	Baptisms	By Letter	Restored.	Dismiss'd	Exclud'd.	Deaths.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. Teachers.	Pupils.	Vol. in Library.
Cape Fear,	$ 3 00	$ 2 45	$ 1 55	......	140 00	147 30	1	..	1	8	2	..	132	....	132	....	....	..	....
Cedar Creek,	3 00	....	.....	......	60 00	63 00	....	..	..	5	3	1	139	....	139	....	....	..	....
Concord,	3 40	....	....	......	....	....	....	..	..	4	12	1	127	1	128	Eld. L. Bryan,	....	..	....
Magnolia,	2 00	5 50	8 96	......	77 06	91 46	2	..	2	..	1	1	61	3	64	B. F. Strickland,	4	35	125
Pine Grove,	2 15	5 00	....	......	100 00	105 00	1	..	..	6	..	2	66	44	110	T. W. Devane,	6	50	....
Fayetteville,	6 00	15 00	....	.....	800 00	822 29	3	3	2	9	5	5	203	....	203	Eld. Wm. Brunt,	4	75	400
Rockfish,	1 50	....	....	......	40 00	49 00	....	2	..	26	.	1	43	6	49	....	....	..	....
Manchester,	2 50	5 00	3 00	3 00	75 00	86 00	20	2	1	..	2	..	93	17	110	Z. T Kivett,	5	75	120
Kingsbury,	2 00	....	....	......	....	....	....	2	..	5	..	1	23	....	23	M L. Nixon,	....	25	....
Antioch,	2 00	5 00	....	......	50 00	57 00	4	4	..	..	..	..	112	5	117	N. H. Gibbs,	6	45	55
Judson,	2 00	....	5 00	......	50 00	55 00	....	8	..	..	..	..	18	....	18	....	....	30	....
Beaver Creek,	1 50	....	....	......	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	1	26	....	26	....	....	..	....
Baptist Chapel,	5 00	5 00	....	......	53 00	58 00	14	..	3	4	3	..	180	89	269	W. C. Jackson,	....	80	...
Spring Branch,	2 10	....	....	......	40 00	40 00	....	..	2	5	2	1	163	3	166	H. T. Jackson,	....	66	....
White Oak, (S.)	2 50	....	....	......	100 00	160 00	....	..	..	..	..	..	92	50	142	T L Owen, G Bennett	8	53	....
Salem,	3 00	2 33	2 33	2 33	100 00	107 00	9	3	..	1	..	..	146	10	156	A. J. Cooper,	8	65	120
Pleasant Union,	2 50	4 65	....	......	43 00	47 65	....	2	..	1	2	3	125	....	125	....	....	70	....
Pine Green,	4 00	....	....	......	60 00	60 00	37	2	8	1	3	1	138	41	179	....	....	80	....
Corinth,	1 25	....	....	....	60 00	50 00	...	..	1	2	9	1	58	....	58	....	....	30	....
Mount Elam,	3 00	....	....	......	38 00	38 00	2	3	..	..	..	1	47	....	47	....	....	36	....
Smith's Chapel	2 00	2 50	....	......	60 00	62 50	....	..	1	3	2	..	52	....	52	L. W. Highsmith,	....	40	....
Green Spring,	3 00	12 00	10 00	......	85 00	107 00	16	5	2	5	1	..	93	....	93	....	....	..	...
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Cypress Creek,	2 50	5 00	5 00	......	75 00	85 00	7	4	..	..	..	3	86	....	86	....	....	35	..
Brier Branch,	2 00	10 00	....	......	65 00	85 00	1	..	..	9	5	4	106	....	106	....	...	40	....
Beaver Dam,	3 20	....	....	......	50 00	50 00	6	1	1	5	3	2	112	5	117	....	....	..	....
Bladen Union,	3 00	5 00	5 43	......	65 00	75 43	6	2	..	11	2	..	99	3	102	....	....	..	....
Shiloh,	1 50	1 15	1 15	......	50 00	52 30	...	3	..	3	1	..	42	....	42	D. D. Salmon,	2	34	....
White Oak, [B.]	3 00	12 00	....	......	100 00	112 00	10	1	1	1	7	1	124	....	124	....	....	40	....
Mount Olive,	2 00	....	....	......	70 00	70 00	15	..	..	..	..	..	33	....	33	....	....	..	....
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PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, October 16th, 1873.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Beasley, from Genesis, 1st chapter and 3d verse: "And God said let there be light: and there was light."

After an interval of forty-five minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. M. Beasley, and organized by reading a portion of Scripture, singing and prayer—Elder Wm. S. Melvin leading.

The names of churches were then called, and a majority being represented, the Association proceeded to business.

Brothers Arthur Smith and Wm. Tolar were appointed Reading Clerks.

Brothers C. D. Nixon and C. D. Berk were appointed a Committee of Finance.

The Church letters were then called for, read, and the names of delegates enrolled, as follows:

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Cape Fear—C. D. Berk, Jos. Thames, Wm. Butler.

Cedar Creek—Elder B. F. Jessup, A. S. Thagard, D. L. Smith.

Concord—

Magnolia—D. Fisher, Wm. A. Bryan.

Pine Grove—S. J. Guy, John S. Breece, C. E. Beard.

Fayetteville—Elders J. M. Beasley, Wm. Brunt and P. Taylor.

Rockfish—Jos. Muslewhite.

Beaver Creek—M. Strickland.

Manchester—Elder R. Newton, J. C. Godwin, S. R. Rainer.

Kingsbury—Jacob Giles, C. D. Nixon.

Antioch—J. W. Vickers, N. H. Gibbs.

Judson—Elder Wm. C. West, W. H. Melvin.

SAMPSON COUNTY.

Baptist Chapel—Elder A. B. Alderman.

Spring Branch—T. B. Strickland, S. Wiliford, L. Godwin.

White Oak---A. C. Crumpler, Ed. S. Herring.

Pleasant Union—W. H. Fisher, J. Fisher, G. M. D. Howard.

Salem---Elder H. S. Spivey, Thos. E. Howard.

Pine Green—-J. A. Beman.

Corinth—Represented by letter.

Mount Elam—W. H. McLamb, R. Honeycut.

Smith's Chapel.—Represented by letter.

BLADEN COUNTY.

Cypress Creek—A S Smith, D T Smith.

Brier Branch—J H Tatum, James Downing.

Beaver Dam—I Melvin, H Jones.

White Oak---Elder Wm S Melvin.

Shiloh—-I McGhee.

Bladen Union—W J Tolar, D Register.

Mount Olive-—D M Roberts, E F Allen.

ROBESON COUNTY.

Green Spring—N H Jones, M Cashwell, N Johnson.

Providence—Elder J H Cobb, D W McGugan, A McMillan.

Saddletree—L Humphrey, W W Powell, M J Wiliby.

Great Marsh—Elder E D Johnson, Jas Fisher, W.

S Johnson.

Clybons—Elder F A Prevatt, Wm B Odum.

MOORE COUNTY.

Cameron's Grove—Not represented.

The term of the officers having expired, the Association balloted for same—re-electing former officers, to-wit: Elder J. M. Beasley, Moderator; D. W. McGugan, Clerk and Treasurer.

Extended an invitation to Churches wishing to form a connection with this Association.

Appointed Elders John Monroe, J. H. Cobb and the deacons of Providence Church a Committee to regulate the preaching exercises.

Extended an invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren.

A communication was then read from the Presbyterian congregation, tendering to the Association the use of their house of worship during the sitting of the body; whereupon, on motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be, and are hereby tendered, to the Presbyterian congregation in this vicinity for the use of their house of worship during the sitting of the Association.

Association then adjourned until 10 o'clock Friday morning. Closed with prayer by Elder A. B. Alderman. Benediction by Elder H. S. Spivey.

Friday Morning.

The Association met at the appointed hour.

After reading a portion of Scripture and singing, prayer was offered, Elder B. F. Jessup leading.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Churches absent on yesterday were then called, the letters read and names of delegates enrolled.

Extended an invitation to corresponding and visiting Brethren. Elder P. C. Connelly and Dr. J. M. McGugan, from the Cape Fear Association, presented themselves and were welcomed to seats. Elder John Monroe, from the Pee Dee Association, presented himself and was welcomed to a seat.

The male members of Providence Church were appointed a Committee of Vigilance.

Elder A. B. Alderman and Brothers Thos. E. Howard and Wm. Butler were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's and Financial Committee's reports.

Elders E. D. Johnson, H. S. Spivey and B. F. Jessup were appointed a Committee to nominate writers and subjects for next session.

Elders J. H. Cobb, Wm. C. West and Brother S. J. Cobb were appointed a Committee to appoint corresponding messengers to sister Associations.

Corresponding Messengers appointed at the last session called on to report:

To the Eastern—did not attend.

To the Raleigh—in session at this time; messengers are gone.

To the Pee Dee—now in session.

To the Cape Fear—Elders E. D. Johnson and W. S. Melvin report that they attended and were cordially received.

To the Sandy Creek—Elder Wm. Brunt attended and was cordially received. He gave an interesting history of that Association.

Reports on the different subjects appointed at the last session were called on to report, viz: Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, Sabbath Schools, Ministerial Support, Periodicals, Obituaries.

Report on Domestic Missions called for, read, and, after addresses from Elders Connelly, Spivey, Brunt and Brothers J. M. McGugan, W. J. Tolar and others, was ordered to be appended.

Resolution passed at the last session relating to a general Missionary was brought up, and after some discussion was referred to the Executive Board.

Association suspended business for half an hour.

Association resumed business. Churches not represented during the session were then called and the names of delegates enrolled.

An objection was raised against the reading of the Concord letter on account of the church being in disorder, and suitable action was recommended. Elders H. S. Spivey, Wm. S. Melvin, B. F. Jessup, E. D. Johnson and J. M. Beasley were appointed a committee to investigate the charges and reports against said church and report to-morrow morning.

The Association then gave way for a meeting of the Domestic Mission Board.

Association again resumed their labors.

Wm. J. Tolar, A. S. Smith and Elder Wm. S. Melvin were appointed a committee to nominate the Domestic Mission Board.

Report on Foreign Missions called for, read, and, after addresses from Elders Brunt, Alderman and others, was received and ordered to be appended.

The committee appointed to nominate the Domestic Mission Board reported. Report ratified.

Report on Ministerial Support was read, received and ordered to be appended. [See Appendix.]

Report on Periodicals read and ordered to be appended.

A club of subscribers were obtained for the BIBLICAL RECORDER.

Renewed the invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. Brother Ewin Johnson, from the Cape Fear Association, presented himself and was welcomed to a seat.

Elders John Monroe and Wm. Brunt were appointed to address the Association on Endowment of Wake Forest College on Saturday at 12 o'clock M.

Brothers P. Taylor, Wm. J. Tolar and J. W. Vickers were appointed a committee to prepare a suitable resolution for soliciting aid in behalf of the Domestic Mission Board.

Association then adjourned until Saturday morning 10 o'clock. Closed with prayer, Brother P. Taylor leading. Benediction by Elder Wm. Brunt.

Saturday Morning.

The Association assembled and opened by reading a portion of scripture and singing. Prayer was then offered, Elder E. D. Johnson leading.

The minutes of the previous day was read and ratified.

Names of delegates called and absentees marked.

Constitution and rules of order read.

Committee on subjects and writers for next session reported. Report approved, which is as follows:

To write on Domestic Missions—Eld. B F Jessup.
“ “ “ Foreign Missions—Eld. F A Prevatt.
“ “ “ Ministerial Education—Eld. A B Alderman.
“ “ “ Sabbath Schools—Elder Wm Brunt.
“ “ “ Ministerial Support—P Taylor.
“ “ “ Periodicals—John S Breece.
“ “ “ Obituaries—A S Smith.
“ “ “ Intemperance—W J Tolar.

The committee appointed on yesterday to investigate the Concord difficulties or charges reported that the church is in disorder from the evidence at hand, and recommend that the Association appoint a Presbytery of five Ministers to visit said church and investigate the charges thoroughly, endeavor to settle the difficulties and report at the next session of this body. This report was received, the committee discharged and letter from the church at Concord returned to the delegates.

On motion the same committee were re-appointed to visit the Concord church and investigate the charges as above directed, viz: H. S. Spivey, Wm. S. Melvin, B. F. Jessup, E. D. Johnson and J. M. Beasley.

Committee to select Corresponding Messengers reported as follows:

To the Eastern—E. S. Herring and H. Bennett.

To the Raleigh—Elders J. M. Beasley and R. Newton.

To the Cape Fear—Elder E. D. Johnson and L. Humphrey.

To the Pee Dee—D. W. McGugan and S. J. Cobb.

To the Sandy Creek—J. F. Marsh and Elder Wm. Brunt.

The above report was then ratified.

The committee appointed on yesterday evening to prepare a suitable resolution in aid of the Domestic Mission Board presented their resolution, which, after several remarks, was lost.

The report on Sabbath Schools was called for, read and ordered to be appended.

The report on Ministerial Education was read and ordered to be appended.

The hour having arrived for the addresses on the Endowment of Wake Forest College, the speakers were introduced by the Moderator. Elder Wm. Brunt first addressed the Association, followed by Elder John Monroe. At the close of the addresses a subscription and collection was taken up, amounting to $31 00 in cash and $225 00 by subscription in behalf of the Endowment of Wake Forest College.

The following resolution was then read and passed:

RESOLVED, That all the members of each Church in this Association are hereby requested to work diligently to make the Endowment of Wake Forest College a complete success.

The Association then suspended for half an hour.

The Association again resumed their labors.

RESOLVED, That the next session of this body be held with the church at White Oak, Bladen county, N. C., to meet on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1874. Elder J. M. Beasley to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder J. T. Townsend, alternate. Elder Wm. Brunt to preach the Charity Sermon on Sabbath. Elder H. S. Spivey, alternate.

Invitation renewed to corresponding and visiting brethren. Brother S. E. Ward, from the Cape Fear Association, with a letter and package of minutes, presented himself and was welcomed to a seat.

Agreed to have the Constitution and rules of order reprinted.

The Clerk was allowed $25 00 for his services.

The Clerk was instructed to have as many copies of the minutes as the funds sent up for the purpose will pay for and distribute them pro rata among the churches.

The Treasurer was called on to report. Report received and ordered to be appended.

Chairman of the Domestic Mission Board presented his report, which was received and ordered to be appended.

The following resolution was then passed:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered to the citizens in the vicinity of Providence for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates and visitors.

All the unfinished business referred to the Domestic Mission Board.

The Association then adjourned until the time and place next appointed.

Minutes read and approved.

J. M. BEASLEY, Moderator.

D. W. McGUGAN, Clerk.

SABBATH MORNING.

The Charity Sermon was preached by Elder A. B. Alderman to a large and attentive congregation, at the close of which a collection was taken up amounting to $19 68 in behalf of Domestic Missions. Elder Wm. Brunt followed immediately after from Psalms, 11th chapter and 1st verse: "In the Lord put I my trust." At the same time the Presbyterian house of worship was occupied by Elders P. C. Connelly and J. M. Beasley who preached to attentive congregations.

Thus closed a pleasant session.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD TO THE ASSOCIATION.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, no meeting was held at the close of the first quarter. At the end of the second quarter a meeting was held with the Salem Church. The reports from the Missionaries were encouraging for the season of the year; they reported thirty-seven (37) days' service, five baptisms and the constituting of one church.

The Board held a second meeting at the end of the third quarter with the church at Beaver Creek. The Missionaries reported at that time twenty-two (22) days' service.

The third meeting was held with the Church at Shiloh. The Missionaries reported twenty-three (23) days' service and some interesting meetings.

The Board met with the Association at Providence. The Missionaries reported fifteen (15) days' service; making in all during the year ninety-seven (97) days' service.

The Board has expended $195 00 in sending Missionaries to destitute sections and aiding feeble churches in our bounds.

Brethren, much more remains to be done. Although the Missionaries have not reported as many conversions as in time past, we believe much good has been accomplished. "The fields are white already to the harvest." Respectfully submitted,

J. M. BEASLEY, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

On hand October 19th, 1872	$ 87 81
Sabbath collection at Cedar Creek	18 19
Received from churches and individuals for D. Missions	88 63
Received from Financial Committee for D. Missions	156 28
Minute Fund of 1872	91 60
Foreign Mission Fund of 1872	97 82
Board of Education	21 33
Whole Amount received during the year	$561 66

PAID OUT.

To Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, through the Baptist State Convention	$ 97 83	
" Missionaries during the year	195 00	
" Printing Minutes	53 50	
" Clerk	25 00	
" Board of Education, through Baptist State Convent'n	21 33	
Whole amount paid out		$392 66
On hand October 18, 1873		$169 00

D. W. McGUGAN, Treasurer.

We have examined the above report and find it correct.

A. B. ALDERMAN, } Auditing Committee.
WM. BUTLER, }

EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING OCT., 1873, AND ENDING OCT., 1874.

CHURCHES.	NAMES.	CHURCHES.	NAMES.
Cape Fear,	C. D. Berk.	Kingsbury,	C. D. Nixon.
Cedar Creek,	Alex. Thagard.	Antioch,	J. W. Vickers.
Pine Grove,	S. J. Guy.	Judson,	W. H. Melvin.
Magnolia,	J. E. Averitt.	Baptist Chapel,	Elder B. Jackson.
Fayetteville,	Eld. J. M. Beasley.	Spring Branch,	S. Wiliford.
Rockfish,	J. Muslewhite.	Salem,	J. C. Howard.
Beaver Creek,	M. Strickland.	Pleasant Union,	J. Sessoms.
Manchester,	Eld. R. Newton.	Pine Green,	D. W. Tew.
Corinth,	J. Horn.	Bladen Union,	Wm. J. Tolar.
Mount Elam,	T. N. Jackson.	Brier Branch,	J. H. Tatum.
White Oak, S,	E. S. Herring.	Beaver Dam,	H. Jones.
Providence,	D. W. McGugan.	Shiloh,	I. McGhee.
Green Spring,	M. Cashwell.	White Oak, (B.)	Eld. W. S. Melvin.
Saddletree,	L. Humphry.	Smith's Chapel,	W. R. Carter.
Clybons,	Elder F. A. Prevatt.	Mount Olive,	B. Roberts.
Great Marsh,	Wm S. Johnson.	Cameron's Grove,	H. W. Graham.
Cypress Cr'k,	A. S. Smith.		

DELEGATES TO THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

Elders J. M. Beasley, Wm. Brunt, J. H. Cobb and Thos. J. Tolar, D. W. McGugan and C. P. McGugan.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

"Even so hath the Lord ORDAINED that they which preach the gospel SHOULD LIVE of the gospel."—1st Cor., 9:14. Read all the chapter. The very best that we can say is "Search the Scriptures," and do as they tell us. For, "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you."—Again: "If ye love ME ye will KEEP my words." Let us come to Christ and learn to subdue our passions and improve ourselves in BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE and CHRISTIAN DUTY. God's Ministers are commanded to go and preach.—Mat. 10:6–16, Mat. 28:19, Mark 16:15, 1st Cor. 9:16, &c. And we are commanded to support them.—Mat. 10:9–10, 1st Cor. 9:13, Gal. 6:5–6, 1st Timothy 5:8–18, &c. The LABORER is worthy of his reward.

A. B. ALDERMAN, Chm'n.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee does not believe that education in a minister is all that is necessary. Indeed, education alone does not make the minister; but, like the grindstone, it sharpens up the tool so nicely it cuts more easily, it cuts more smoothly, it cuts more deeply; it will do more in less time and with more pleasure and ease in doing it. It is no good mark of a good workman to work with dull and inefficient tools. Sharpen your tools and do the work in a workmanlike manner. So, also, is it necessary to sharpen our tools already in use. Everybody knows that the first thing before use is to sharpen the axe, and then keep it sharp. Let us use the mental grindstone more.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. BEASLEY, Chm'n.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

Your committee are of the opinion that a greater effort should be made by the churches of this Association than has been made heretofore to establish and maintain Sunday Schools. We think the Sunday School is one of the greatest institutions of the day. But HOW to get the machinery to work in ALL the churches in this Association we conceive to be our duty, and as such we urge those churches that are without Sunday Schools to go to work at once and organize a Sunday School in their church. It is very important to organize properly and to conduct the school in a manner so as to make them both interesting to pupils and teachers. We do not regard the Sunday School as an ordinary school; no, it is a school in which the New Testament should be properly and faithfully taught. And, at this point, we will be met by the argument that destitute churches do not have qualified teachers and have no Sunday School. If this is indeed true then what would naturally follow to remedy the evil is to form an adult Bible class at once in some such church and procure a competent teacher for the same, and in this way you would soon prepare the members of the class for teachers for your regular Sunday School. We do not feel called upon at this late day to meet objections that some might raise as to the establishing of Sunday Schools. Such objections are among the things of other days, not of this day of Sunday Schools.

Dear brethren, now we have a word to the Sunday School Teachers of this Association, and that is this: We fear that you do not train up your children as the Bible directs. Our children should be thoroughly indoctrinated in our schools in the great doctrines of the Bible as we believe and teach them. Brethren, we are far behind our Pedo-Baptist friends in this particular. By reference to their catechisms you will find that at a very early age they begin to train and indoctrinate their children, and who can object? It is made our sacred duty to train up our children "in the way they SHOULD go," and as a result of disobeying the command our children are allowed to grow up to think it makes but little difference as to WHEN they join the people of God, as they can see but little difference, not really knowing what the difference is between Baptists and other religious organizations. Lastly, we will say that EVERY church in this Association should have an adult Bible class. The command in John 5:39 is "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life." Many, dear brethren, we have no doubt, fail to do what the great head of the church requires of them because they do not search the scriptures to know what is required of them, and many after knowing duly fail to perform that duty. Now, with diligent searching, they will find that no TRIFLING excuse will do in the great day of the Lord. What would be more interesting than to see and know that every pleasant Sabbath day all the children of this Association were engaged in searching the will of the great Head of the church? We often regret that the churches are so cold and indifferent. There is danger in staying at too great a distance from the fire, but you will not act in that way ordinarily; in church relationship you will. Now, dear brethren, we urge you to adopt the plan and would suggest that you do so as soon as practicable; and when you have tested it, we shall be very much disappointed if a general revival of religion in the Association is not the result. Resp'y submitted,

JAS. F. MARSH, } Committee.
S. J. GUY, }

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We cannot urge too strongly the great importance of supplying our families with pure religious literature, and we know of no better plan to accomplish this object than through our religious newspapers. We recommend the "Biblical Recorder" as a sound and safe paper that will hold forth the Gospel truths as taught to us by our Saviour. It will be a safe guide for us and we recommend it to the Churches in our Association. Published in Raleigh by Elder A. F. Redd & Co., at $2 50 per annum.

We also recommend for children and Sunday Schools "Kind Words," well calculated to instruct the young and tender minds "in the way they should go." Published at Marion, Alabama, by the Rev. S. Boykin at the following rates: Weekly—single copy, $1 00; Semi-weekly—single copy, 75 cents; Monthly—single copy, 50 cents.

We also recommend the "Home and Foreign Journal" as of great importance as a medium of information concerning our missionary operations from every quarter of the globe. Published at Richmond, Va., at the low price of 50 cents per annum. W. S. MELVIN, Chm'n.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Brethren, thirty-six deaths have been reported: six more than last year. "Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself, as he that putteth it off."—1st Kings xx:11. Some of our dear brethren and sisters have laid their armor by for a crown of victory in heaven. It becomes us who

remain to cherish in affectionate christian rememberance those who are gone before. Their works do follow them, for it is said: "Write blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."—Rev. xiv:13.
WM. BRUNT, Chm'n.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

BRO. MODERATOR:—Your committee cannot give a lengthened account of this great work. We beg permission, therefore, to confine attention to a few points: 1. The field of Foreign Missions is of special importance at this time. For many centuries Baptists have labored at great disadvantage in Europe because of Religious Establishments supported according to Law of the State. But, now, there are changes and revolutions going on in the minds and governments of the people of Europe that encourage us to hope that we shall be instrumental in the bestowment of blessings upon civilized, scientific, learned Europe, which, hitherto, she has scarcely been able to appreciate. In order to improve the field, great learning and cultivation on our part will be necessary as certainly as great godliness. 2. The Heathen Field is everywhere increasing in importance. Be it said to the honor of our Foreign Missionaries, that they are, in proportion to their numbers, more successful in conversions than our ministers at home. 3. There is, in the nature of the case, a strong demand for men, means, prayers and everything that can contribute to the success of the work.—4. There has been, in the last year, an alarming falling off in contributions nearly all over the land.
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PASTORS AND CLERKS OF THE VARIOUS CHURCHES AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.
Cape Fear,	H. S. Spivey, Fayetteville,	Jas. Marsh, Gray's Creek.
Cedar Creek,	W. S. Melvin, Harrison's Cr'k,	M. H. Sewall, Cedar Creek.
Magnolia,	R. Newton, Manchester,	J. H. Averitt, Blockersville.
Pine Grove,	H. S. Spivey, Fayetteville,	S. J. Guy, Fayetteville.
Fayetteville,	Wm. Brunt, "	I Hollingsworth, "
Rockfish,	D. A. Buie, "	J. Muslewhite, Manchester.
Beaver Creek,	W. C. West, "	Jas. Holt, Fayetteville.
Manchester,	J. M. Beasley, "	D. Kivett, Manchester.
Kingsbury,	R. Newton, "	C. D. Nixon, Fayetteville.
Antioch,	J. M. Beasley, "	J. Daughtery, "
Judson,	" "	J. T. Townsend, "
Baptist Chapel,	A B Alderman, Hawley's store	H J Lockamy, Hawley's store.
Spring Branch,	W. C. West, Fayetteville,	T. B. Strickland, "
White Oak, (S.)	W. M. Page, Hawley's store,	A. R. Campbell, Clinton.
Salem,	H. S. Spivey, Fayetteville,	J. C. Howard, "
Pleasant Union,	W. M. Page, Hawley's store,	J. A. R. Howard, Owensville.
Pine Green,	" " "	J. A. Beman, Clinton.
Corinth,	N. Mercer, Lumberton,	John Horn, "
Mount Elam,	W. M. Page, Hawley's store,	B. Warren, Hawley's store.
Smith's Chapel,	J. Smith, Blockersville,	W. B. Carter, Warnsville.
Cypress Creek,	C. C. Newton, Herringsville,	M. M. Smith, Elizabethtown.
Brier Branch,	L. Bryan, Blockersville,	W. T. Jessup, "
Beaver Dam,	H. S. Spivey, Fayetteville,	F. Jones, Blockersville.
White Oak, (B.)	W. S. Melvin, Harrison's Cr'k,	D M Melvin, Harrison's Cr'k.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.
Shiloh,	W. S. Melvin, Harrison's Cr'k,	I. McGhee, Loveland.
Mount Olive,	F. A. Prevatt, Lumberton,	D. M. Singletary, Tar Heel.
Bladen Union,	E. D. Johnson, St. Pauls,	T. M. Willis, Loveland.
Green Spring,	" "	M. Cashwell, Roslin.
Providence,	J. Monroe, Laurel Hill,	D. W. McGugan, Dundarroch
Saddletree,	E. D. Johnson, St. Pauls,	S. R. Davis, Lumberton.
Clybons,	F. A. Prevatt, Lumberton,	W. B. Odum, "
Great Marsh,	E. D. Johnson, St. Pauls,	A. Odum, St. Pauls.
Cameron's Grove,	....	D. Clark, Swan's Station.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

CHURCHES.	MINUTE FUND.	DOMESTIC MISSIONS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.	EDUCATION.
Cape Fear,.......	$3 00	......$ 5 00	....	....
Cedar Creek.. ...	2 50	....	....	....
Magnolia	2 50	....	....	......$2 80
Pine Grove.......	2 00	........5 00	....	....
Fayetteville	5 00	....	....	....
Rockfish.........	1 00	....	....	....
Beaver Creek.....	2 00	($5 pledged.)	....	....
Manchester.......	2 50	($5 pledged.)	($5 pledged.)	($5 pledged)
Kingsbury........	1 05	........1 00	80	....
Antioch..........	2 50	........2 00	....	....
Judson...........	2 00	....	....	....
Baptist Chapel....	5 00	....	....	....
Spring Branch....	1 70	($10 pledged)	....	....
White Oak (S.)...	2 50	....	....	....
Salem............	3 00	........5 00	....	....
Pleasant Union....	2 00	....	....	....
Pine Green.......	2 35	....	....	....
Corinth..........	1 00	....	....	....
Mount Elam......	2 30	........2 00	....	....
Smith's Chapel....	2 00	........2 00	....	....
Green Spring.....	3 00	....	......$10 25	....
Providence.......	3 00	.......11 00	.......23 00	....
Saddletree........	2 75	........5 00	....	....
Clybons..........	1 00	....	....	....
Great Marsh......	3 00	........8 00	........5 20	....
Cypress Creek.....	2 50	........5 00	....	....
Brier Branch.....	2 00	....	........2 25	.......2 25
Beaver Dam......	2 15	....	....	....
White Oak (S.)...	2 50	....	....	....
Shiloh...........	1 50	........5 35	....	....
Bladen Union.....	5 00	........5 00	........5 00	....
Mount Olive......	1 50	........3 00	....	....
Cameron's Grove..	....	....	....	....
Total..........	$77 80	......$64 35	......$46 50	......$5 05

The committee appointed to audit the above account have examined it and find it correct.

A. B. ALDERMAN, } Auditing Committee.
WM. BUTLER, }

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Male Teachers.	Female Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	VOLUMES IN LIBRARY.
Cape Fear,					
Cedar Creek		7	7	73	26 papers taken.
Magnolia	R. H. Bryan.	2	2	30	
Pine Grove	T. W. Devane.	4	4	40	
Fayetteville	N. J. McDuffie.				800 & 75 child's papers.
Rockfish					
Beaver Creek					
Manchester	Z. T. Kivett.	4	6	77	200
Kingsbury	M. L. Nixon.			25	
Antioch					
Judson					
Baptist Chapel	B. Jackson.	4	3	61	
Spring Branch	G. Godwin.	3	1	60	
White Oak (S.)	W. B. Crumpler.	3	3	42	
Pleasant Union	J. A. R. Howard.	4	4	75	
Salem	A. J. Cooper.	4	4	110	
Pine Green					
Corinth					
Mount Elam	Wm. H. McLamb.	4	4	60	
Smith's Chapel	R. Cain.	3	3	35	
Cypress Creek					
Brier Branch	J. H. Tatum.	3	3	32	
Beaver Dam					
White Oak (B.)	C. Maitin.				
Shiloh	N Jones & A Core.	2	1	23	
Mount Olive	E. P. Allen.		4	20	
Bladen Union	R. M. Tolar.	3	2	25	
Green Spring	M. Cashwell.	3	3	44	
Providence	D. W. McGugan.	2	2	25	400
Saddletree	L. Humphry.	3	3	40	
Clybons					
Cameron's Grove					
Great Marsh	Wm. S. Johnson.	3	3	35	

TABLE SHOWING THE ADDITIONS AND DIMINUTIONS OF CHURCHES AND TIME OF HOLDING MEETINGS.

CHURCHES.	Additions. Baptisms	Additions. By letter	Additions. Restored	Diminut'n Dismissed	Diminut'n Excluded	Diminut'n Deaths	Membership. Whites	Membership. Colored	Membership. Total	TIME OF MEETING.
Cape Fear		2		5	1	1	127		127	4th Sunday & day before.
Cedar Creek	16	1	3	3	5				150	3d “ in each month.
Magnolia	7		1	3		1			70	3d “
Pine Grove	2					2	56	49	105	
Fayetteville	2	3			10	6			192	Every Sunday
Rockfish				4					45	
Beaver Creek		2		3			24		24	
Manchester	5	6	1	15	1		95	5	100	1st Sunday & day before.
Kingsbury		2		2					22	1st “ in each month.
Antioch		1		1	6	7			112	3d “ and day before.
Judson		5							23	2nd “ “ “ “
Baptist Chapel		2	1	10	8	1			253	2nd “ “ “ “
Spring Branch			1	3	5	3			156	1st “ “ “ “
White Oak, (S.)	12			1			100	53	153	1st “ “ “ “
Salem	2	1		3	9	1	139	8	147	3d “ “ “ “
Pleasant Union	1				2				124	3d “ “ “ “
Pine Green	7		1		3	1			112	4th “ “ “ “
Corinth				2		1			49	2nd “ “ “ “
Mount Elam					1	2			44	3d “ “ “ “
Smith's Chapel	2	3	1	4	1				53	4th “ “ “ “
Cypress Creek				2	3	2			79	2nd “ “ “ “
Brier Branch	2	3	2	1	4	5			102	Every Sunday.
Beaver Dam		2	3	10	6	1			106	1st Sunday & day before.
White Oak, (B.)	6	8	2	2	3	2			133	4th “ “ “ “
Shiloh	7	4	1	1	3	2			53	1st “ “ “ “
Bladen Union	7	3	4	4	2				110	
Mount Olive	21	2							58	
Green Spring	13	8		3	4				112	1st “ “ “ “
Providence				4			65	10	75	2nd “ “ “ “
Saddletree	8	6	6	20	5	1			132	3d “ “ “ “
Great Marsh	40	18		1	3	2	80	27	107	2nd “ “ “ “
Clybons		4		2	1	1			46	2nd “ “ “ “
Cameron's Grove										
Total	160	86	27	109	86	42	686	152	3174	

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, God's people are commanded to strive together for the faith of the Gospel; and whereas, in union there is greater strength and capacity for assisting in the promotion of Christ's Kingdom on Earth; we, professed disciples of Christ, resolve to unite in an associated capacity on the following Constitution:

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ART. 2. This body shall be composed of Delegates chosen by the Churches connected with it, each Church being entitled to three Delegates.

ART. 3. In the selection of these delegates, the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

ART. 4. The delegates thus selected should bear from their respective churches a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and the interest thereof.

ART. 5. The Association shall select out of their members annually a presiding officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and who shall continue in office until the time for the annual election.

ART. 6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to "law and testimony."

ART. 7. The Association shall have a fund created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

ART. 8. A faithful record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session, which shall be printed and presented to each session.

ART. 9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint an executive committee, to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted; which committee shall be answerable for their official acts to the Association.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship toward any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve proper or Gospel order among their members, nor toward any of her churches and Ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote Gospel principles and order.

ART. 11. It shall be the province of the Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to a seat, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall be on Thursday before the third Lord's day in October, at such places as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an introductory sermon preached, and also a charity sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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1. At each assembling for the transaction of business, the presiding officer, (or in his absence the Secretary,) shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a chairman *pro tem.* shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, praise and prayer, either by him or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

2. The presiding officer shall, as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association, in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transacted. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking.

3. The names of the delegates shall be called each day of the session, previous to proceeding to business, and the Minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers, and each other, which becometh those that reverence God, whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or make remarks, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the presiding officer; shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak twice on the same question without leave.

5. When a motion is made without a second it shall not receive attention, but if seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer, or if in writing, shall be read by the Secretary, before debate.

6. After a motion is stated by the presiding officer, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, previous to a discussion.

7. When a question is under debate, no motion or proposition shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for reconsideration thereof on the same day.

9. When a subject is presented, and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration by a vote of the Association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association, by a vote of a majority of the delegates present.

Nov. 27, 1958
5DS donated by C. H. Utley

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PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, October 15th, 1874.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Jno. M. Beasley, from Deut. 11th chapter, 21st verse: "Behold, the Lord thy God hath set the land before thee: go up and possess it, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged."

After an interval of thirty minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. M. Beasley, and organized by reading a portion of Scripture, singing and prayer, Elder J. T. Townsend leading.

The names of Churches were then called, and a majority being present, the Association proceeded to business.

Appointed Elders J. T. Townsend and L. Bryan Reading Clerks.

Appointed Elder B. F. Jessup aad Brother C. D. Berke a Committee of Finance.

The Pastor and Elder Wm. S. Melvin with the Deacons of White Oak Church, were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises during the session.

The Church Letters were then called for and read, and the names of delegates enrolled as follows:

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Cape Fear—C. D. Berk, J. R. Tolar.
Cedar Creek—Elder B. F. Jessup, D. L. Smith, A. Thagard.
Magnolia—Elder L. Bryan, H. Jones, R. F. Strickland.
Pine Grove—S. J. Guy, D. L. Beard.
Fayetteville—Elder Jno. M. Beasley, W. H. Tomlinson, P. Taylor.
Rockfish—Jno. Muslewhite.
Beaver Creek—Jas. Holt, M. Strickland.
Manchester—L. T. West, Z. T. Kivett, H. J. Kivett.
Antioch—J. W. Vickers, H. L. Hall, Julian Alderman.
Judson—W. H. Melvin, L. D. Sessoms.
Kingsbury—Not represented.
Concord—Not represented.
Lillie's Grove—Elder J. T. Townsend, Elder W. C. West, F. Bruce.
Rocky Mount—Z. B. Newton.

SAMPSON COUNTY.

Baptist Chapel—Elder B. Jackson, H. L. Wrench.
Spring Branch—Elder S. Wiliford, G. Godwin, S. B. West.
White Oak—A. R. Crumpler, R. N. Butler.

Pleasant Union—J. Sessoms, J. A. R. Howard.
Salem—Elder H. S. Spivey, S. A. Howard, J. E. Howard.
Pine Green—D. W. Tew, F. Tew.
Corinth—Jas. O. Carter.
Mount Elam—Thos. N. Jackson, B. Warren.
Smith's Chapel—R. Cain.
Beaver-dam—J. H. Hall, S. Horn, Alex. Simons.

BLADEN COUNTY.

Cypress Creek—Elder J. Smith, A. S. Smith, J. Cain.
Brier Branch—J. H. Tatum, J. I. Cain, W. T. Jessup.
White Oak—Elder Wm. S. Melvin, Elder E. Martin, Jas. Melvin.
Shiloh—N. Jones, D. D. Salmon, I. McGhee.
Bladen Union—R. M. Tolar, D. Register, F. M. Willis.
Mount Olive—D. M. Singletary, W. Allen, H. Allen.

ROBESON COUNTY.

Green Spring—M. Cashwell, C. S. Cashwell, H. Jones.
Providence—D. W. McGugan, T. J. Tolar, R. W. Kinlaw.
Great Marsh—Elder E. D. Johnson, Wm. S. Johnson, I. J. Belch.
Saddletree—L. Humphrey, S. R. Davis, M. Humphrey.
Clybons—Elder F. A. Prevatt, Wm. B. Odum.

MOORE COUNTY.

Camron's Grove—Represented by Letter.

The term of the officers having expired, the Association ballotted for the same.

Re-elected former officers, to-wit: Elder Jno. M. Beasley, Moderator; D. W. McGugan, Clerk and Treasurer.

Association then adjourned until 9½ o'clock, Friday morning. Closed with benediction by Elder Wm. Brunt.

FRIDAY, October 16th, 1874.

Association met at the appointed hour.

After reading a portion of Scripture and singing, prayer was offered, W. H. Lomlinson leading.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Extended an invitation to Churches wishing to form a connection with this Association.

A letter was then read from the Church at Lillie's Grove, Cumberland County, a newly organized church, which was received in due form.

Extended an invitation to Corresponding and Visiting Brethren.

A letter and package of minutes were presented from the Cape Fear Association, and received; Brother W. J. Tolar was welcomed to a seat.

The following resolution was then read and unanimously agreed to:

Resolved, That no member speak more than ten minutes on any subject, and five minutes to reply to his opponent, during this session.

Churches absent on yesterday were then called for, their letters read, and the names of the delegates enrolled.

Appointed the male members of White Oak Church a Committee of Vigilance.

Appointed Elder H. S. Spivey, Brothers P. Taylor and J. W. Vickers a Committee to Nominate Writers and Subjects for next Session.

Appointed Brothers W. J. Tolar, A. S. Smith and Elder J. T. Townsend Auditing Committee for this Session.

Appointed Elder E. D. Johnson, F. M. Willis and H. L. Hall a Committee to appoint Corresponding Messengers.

Corresponding Messengers appointed at last session called on to report:

To the Raleigh—The Messengers report that they attended and were cordially received.

To the Pee Dee—Messengers sent a letter and package of minutes; that Association now in session.

To the Cape Fear—Elder E. D. Johnson reports that he attended and was cordially received.

To the Eastern—We have no report.

To the Sandy Creek—No report.

The Committees appointed at last session, on the various subjects, called on to report, to-wit: Domestic Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, Sabbath Schools, Ministerial Support, Periodicals, Obituaries and Intemperance.

The report on Domestic Missions was then called for and read, then Elder P. C. Connelly (the General Missionary) was allowed to read his report in connection with the other, and after remarks from Elders P. C. Connelly, Wm. Brunt and others, the report was received and ordered to be appended.

A letter was then read from the Rocky Mount Church, Cumberland County, newly organized church, wishing to form a connection with this Association, which petition was received in due form.

The report on Ministerial Support was then called for and read, and ordered to be appended.

Report on Periodicals called for, read and ordered to be appended.

A number of subscribers were obtained for the *Recorder.*

Report on Obituaries read and ordered to be appended.

Report on Intemperance called for; the report not being ready, the writer was allowed until to-morrow to complete it.

Appointed Elder E. D. Johnson, Wm. H. Melvin, and Elder J. T. Townsend a Committee to prepare a list of the members of the Domestic Mission Board.

Association called off for half an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called on and resumed business.

The following resolution was then unanimously passed:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the Editors of the *Robesonian* and *Eagle* for past favors.

The Committee appointed at the last session to visit Concord Church, called on to report, which they did through their Chairman, Elder H. S. Spivey; that the reports against said church are false, and they report the church in order; whereupon,

On motion, a Committee consisting of Elders J. M. Beasley and Wm. Brunt were appointed a Committee to re-visit said church and correct a misundertanding between said church and the Association.

The Association then gave way to a meeting of the Domestic Mission Board.

The Association called on again.

Adjourned to 9½ o'clock Saturday morning. Prayer was then offered, Elder E. D. Johnson leading.

SATURDAY, October 17, 1874.

The Association assembled, and opened by reading a portion of Scripture and singing.

Prayer was then offered, Elder H. S. Spivey leading.

Minutes of the previous day read and approved.

Names of delegates called and absentees marked.

Extended an invitation to Corresponding and Visit Brethren.

Elder N. Mercer, from the Cape Fear Association, presented himself and was welcomed to a seat.

Letters of dismission was then voted to the Clybons and Mount Olive Churches, to unite with the Cape Fear Association.

The report on Sabbath Schools called for, read, and after remarks from various brethren, the report was ordered to be appended.

Report of the Chairman of the Domestic Mission Board was called for, and read, and ordered to be appended.

The report on Foreign Missions read, and ordered to be appended.

The report of the Chairman of the Domestic Mission Board was called for and read, and ordered to be appended.

Agreed to have as many minutes printed as the funds in hand will justify, for general distribution, the printing to be done at the *Recorder* Office.

Agreed that the Clerk have $25.00 for his services.

Appointed J. W. Vickers and W. C. West to appoint delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Resolved, That the next session of this body be held with the Church at Salem, Sampson County, N. C., to meet on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1875. Elder E. D. Johnson to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder Joab Smith, Alternate. Elder Wm. Brunt to preach the Missionary Sermon on the Sabbath; Elder H. A. Brown, Alternate.

The Committee appointed to appoint delegates to the Baptist State Convention called on to report, the report received and approved.

Committee appointed to appoint Corresponding Messengers called on to report; report received and approved.

The Association called off for half an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association called on again.

A hymn was sung, and after the singing of this hymn, the Association was addressed by Elder Wm. Brunt, on the Endowment of Wake Forest College.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered to the citizens, in the vicinity of White Oak, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates and visitors during the session of this body.

The following queries were then taken up and discussed and answered, as follows:

1st. What course should be pursued where members from the Free-Will Baptist Church seek admittance into our Church?

Answer: We do not regard their baptism valid.

2nd. Should our Churches receive excluded members of other Churches of our faith and order?

Answer: No.

Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations are as follows:

To the Eastern—J. C. Howard and E. S. Herring.
To the Raleigh—Elder A. B. Alderman and W. H. Tomlinson.
To the Cape Fear—Elder W. S. Melvin, Elder E. D. Johnson and Wm. S. Johnson.
To the Pee Dee—D. W. McGugan and T. J. Tolar.
To the Sandy Creek—Elder Wm. Brunt and Elder J. T. Townsend.

Writers and Subjects for next Session are as follows:

Domestic Missions—Elder Wm. Brunt and P. Taylor.
Foreign Missions—Elder Wm. S. Melvin.
Ministerial Education—Elder E. D. Johnson and F. M. Willis.
Sabbath Schools—J. Muslewhite and D. Kivett.
Ministerial Support—D. W. McGugan and W. H. Tomlinson.
Periodicals—Elder J. T. Townsend and T. W. Devane.
Obituaries—Elder J. M. Beasley.
Intemperance—Wm. H. Melvin and Elder H. S. Spivey.

On motion, it was agreed that Elder H. S. Spivey present to the next session of this body a form of Church Covenant and Rules of Order, for the use of the Churches composing this Association.

The Treasurer was then called on to report, which report was read and ordered to be appended.

The Auditing Committee then submitted their report, which was received.

The Association then adjourned until time and place next appointed.

Closed with singing and prayer, Elder Joab Smith leading. Benediction by the Moderator.

J. M. BEASLEY, MODERATOR.

D. W. McGUGAN, Clerk.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER, 18th, 1874.

The congregation assembled at the stand in the grove where Elder Wm. Brunt addressed the audience from Acts 16th chapter, 9th verse: "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: there stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, 'Come over into Macedonia, and help us.'"

At the close of which, a collection was taken up amounting to $——— in behalf of Domestic Missions.

Elder P. C. Connelly immediately followed from Gal. 6th chapter, 7th and 8th verses: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.'

At the close of which, the Association finally adjourned.

Thus closed a pleasant and harmonious session.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD TO THE ASSOCIATION.

The Board held its first meeting and organized on Saturday evening, Oct. 19th, 1873, and secured the services of Elder P. C. Connelly, as General Missionary, according to a previous resolution of the Association.

The next meeting was held with the Church at Cedar Creek, the 29th of November, 1873, at which time Elder P. C. Connelly commenced his labors as Missionary in the Association. And the following ministers were assigned the following stations viz: Elder W. C. West at Jumping Run, Elder R. Newton at Flat Branch, Elder J. T. Townsend at Lewise's Grove, (now Lillie's Grove,) Elder A. B. Alderman at Pope's School House and Elder S. Wiliford at Barefoot's School House, during the present quarter, ending the 28th of March, 1874.

The next meeting was held with the Church at Manchester, on the 28th of March, 1874. The General Missionary and Ministers reported having served the Board ninety-one days, to-wit: Elder Connelly, seventy-six days, and received $42.35. ; Elder Alderman, six days ; Elder Townsend, four days ; and Elder W. C. West, five days.

The next regular meeting was held with the Church at Cape Fear, May the 30th, 1874. The General Missionary, Elder Connelly, reported forty-seven days service, and received $11.60 ; none of the others reported. At that time it was agreed that after the month of June, the labors of Elder P. C. Connelly be suspended until the 1st of August, and after that time, his labors be in protracted meetings from then until the meeting of the Association.

The next meeting was held with the Church at Green Spring, August the 29th, 1874. The General Missionary and Ministers reported fifty-six days service, to-wit: Elder S. Wiliford, seventeen days ; Elder J. T. Townsend, four days ; Elder W. C. West, four days ; and the General Missionary thirty-one days' service, and received $11.00. The reports of Elder J. T. Townsend and the General Missionary were very encouraging ; two revivals of religion were spoken of.

The last meeting was held with the Church at White Oak, October the 16th, 1874. The General Missionary and Ministers reports thirty-five days service, as follows: Elder S. Wiliford, two days ; Elder A. B. Alderman, three days ; Elder W. C. West, four days ; Elder J. T. Townsend, two days ; Elder P. C. Connelly, twenty-four days, and he receives $11.10. The reports, we consider, were very encouraging. They report several very interesting revivals, some of which are still in progress, and we hope that many souls may yet be brought into the fold of Christ as the fruits of their labors during the past year.

The General Missionary and Ministers have served the Board two hundred and twenty-nine days, the past year, at a cost of $458.00. The General Missionary received $75.45 of this sum from the churches and stations which he attended. They report over one hundred baptisms and the constituting of one new church. Thus you see the labors of the Board during the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JNO. M. BEASLEY, Chairman.

EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING OCT., 1874, AND ENDING OCT., 1875.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERS.	CHURCHES.	MEMBERS.
Cape Fear,	C. D. Berk,	Salem,	J. C. Howard,
Cedar Creek,	Alex. Thagard,	Pleasant Union,	J. Sessoms,
Concord,	....	Pine Green,	D. W. Tew,
Magnolia,	R. F. Strickland,	Corinth,	J. Horn,
Pine Grove,	S. J. Guy,	Mount Elam,	T. N. Jackson,
Fayetteville,	Eld. J. M. Beasley,	Smith's Chapel,	W. R. Carter,
Rockfish,	J. Muslewhite,	Cypress Creek,	A. S. Smith,
Beaver Creek,	M. Strickland,	Brier Branch,	J. H. Tatum,
Manchester,	Z. T. Kivett,	Beaver Dam,	H. Jones,
Kingsbury,	C. D. Nixon,	White Oak, B.,	D. B. Melvin,
Antioch,	J. W. Vickers,	Shiloh,	I. McGhee,
Judson,	W. H. Melvin,	Bladen Union,	F. M. Willis,
Lillie's Grove,	Eld. J. T. Townsend	Green Spring,	M. Cashwell,
Rocky Mount,	Z. B. Newton,	Providence,	D. W. McGugan,
Baptist Chapel,	Eld. B. Jackson,	Great Marsh,	Wm. S. Johnson,
Spring Branch,	Eld. S. Wiliford,	Saddletree,	L. Humphrey,
White Oak, S.,	A. C. Crumpler,	Camron's Grove,	....

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The great commission of our Saviour is, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." "The Lord has ordained that those who preach the gospel shall live of the gospel." "The laborer is worthy of his hire." "The Lord loves a cheerful giver;" and it is said that it is better to give than to receive. Those that give to the poor "lendeth to the Lord;" and he will repay fourfold. Our preachers are generally poor men. Paul says: "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn." And those who do not work shall not eat. We are commanded to give according as the Lord has blessed us. He has blessed us with health and strength to labor in and for His cause and people. The Lord says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house, and prove Me, and see if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that you shall not be able to receive." The fact is, we do not believe, or we would act accordingly. "Lord, help our unbelief."

The easiest, surest and best way to support a pastor is to take Paul's advice: "Lay by in store, on the first day of the week, as the Lord has prospered you;" and when the deacons take up the collection, then hand in your offering according to your ability; then you may expect the Lord to bless you; not out of duty, but in the discharge of your whole duty. Onr motto should be to pay as we go in all things, especially in supporting the pastor. Keep your pastor in debt to the church by paying him in advance, he can live cheaper and preach better.

Respectfully submitted,

P. TAYLOR, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The command: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations," is applicable to the church at this day; but while we should do what we can to christianize other nations we should be careful to remember our country. It is necessary that we spare no time and pains to educate and indoctrinate in the Bible truths those in our immediate neighborhoods, lest in our hurry to save nations abroad, our children and neighbors be lost, our churches decline, or others come in and teach them for doctrines the traditions of men. But as teachers of gospel truth, we should be diligent in looking out those who are able to fill important stations, and give of our means to their support; while we may look up those who are able and willing to aid in Sunday Schools, and let the spirit of giving be taught to the children as well as adults, and the Home Mission may thus be a great blessing as the best auxiliary to the Foreign Mission.

B. F. JESSUP, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our blessed Master commissioned His disciples, just before His ascension, to "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." With this commission before us and "the love of Christ constraining us," how can we be idle and inactive in reference to sending or preaching the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to the perishing heathen, who are starving for the bread of life, without hope and without God in the world. God requires of us to labour in his vineyard, to be up and doing, and if we do it not, we shall be accounted unprofitable servants, and He will say unto us in the judgment, "I called and ye refused, I have stretched out My hand and no man regarded, but ye have set at naught all my council and would none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity, and I will mock when your fear cometh." "Therefore labour while it is called to-day, for behold the night cometh when no man can work."

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. PREVATT, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committeee begs permission to read here the last year's report on Sabbath Schools. In view of the position taken in that report and adopted by the Association at its last session, your Committee feels that the advocacy and advancement, by every right means of general intelligence, is a matter of firm and present importance to the Sabbath School work. This is deemed necessary to our Sabbath Schools, being supplied with officers, teachers and pupils, as efficient and susceptible as possible. Common education is too generally neglected. Any one enquiring into the Sabbath School interest can not easily fail to see that next to godliness, right cultivation of mind and correct full information, are indispensable to that success to which we aspire in the branch of christian labor.

Obediently,

WM. BRUNT, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The publication of religious newspapers is regarded by the ablest Theologians to be necessary to the best *interests* of christians, whose object is to submit their doctrines and faith to the investigation of all mankind, and to condemn and oppose error, vice and innovations on gospel purity and apostolic usage; also to explain by argument difficulties that may arise, and furnishes a medium of communication concerning missions and all other undertakings for the advancement of religion; thereby bringing them before the reading world in a way to awaken their interest and aid.

The *Biblical Recorder*, published at Raleigh, N. C., is the organ of our denomination in this State. It expresses our views and wishes satisfactorily and is ably conducted.

Kind Words, published at Macon, Ga., is eagerly looked for and highly appreciated by the little folks. The advantage to children in having a religious newspaper of their own but few can properly estimate. These papers can be used in the Sabbath School as a valuable means of extending their knowledge of Scripture, awakening an interest and pleasure in the pursuit not to be secured by other means. In the country, remote from Sabbath Schools, they can be used in the home circle to the incalculable benefit of the rising generation, who will thereby acquire a fondness for substantial reading to the exclusion of pernicious books and papers.

The Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., supplies us with information respecting what our Missionaries are doing in foreign lands.

COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

BRETHREN:—Many of our number have died since our last meeting. And while we cherish a fond recollection of the departed ones, we should remember that we too are bound to die. And should admonish us to be also ready that it come not unawares.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

DIGEST ON THE STATE OF RELIGION AS INDICATED BY THE CHURCH LETTERS.

Cape Fear—"Are wanting in zeal and good works." Elder H. S. Spivey, Pastor.

Cedar Creek—Have been somewhat revived. Eld. Wm. S. Melvin, Pastor.

Concord—Nothing interesting. Eld. B. F. Jessup, Pastor.

Magnolia—Have been refreshed. Eld. R. Newton, Pastor.

Pine Grove—Have been revived. Eld. H. S. Spivey, Pastor.

Fayetteville—They have enjoyed a gracious outpouring of God's Holy Spirit; forty-three added by baptism. Eld. H. A. Brown, Pastor.

Rockfish—Hopeful and in peace. Without a Pastor.

Beaver Creek—They have been revived; harmony prevails. Eld. W. C. West, Pastor.

Manchester—Prosperous. Eld. J. M. Beasley, Pastor.

Rocky Mount—A newly constituted church. Eld. R. Newton, Pastor.

Kingsbury—Nothing special.

Judson—Nothing special. Eld. J. M. Beasley, Pastor.

Lillie's Grove—A newly organized body and prosperous. Eld. J. T. Townsend, Pastor.

Antioch—They have been revived. Eld. J. M. Beasley, Pastor.

Baptist Chapel—Nothing interesting. Elder A. B. Alderman, Pastor.

Spring Branch—Nothing cheering. No regular Pastor.

Mount Elam—In rather a cold state, but nothing of a disorderly nature. W. M. Page, Pastor.

White Oak, S.,—Has been much revived. Eld. H. McAlpin, Pastor.

Salem—Nothing special, yet hopeful. Eld. H. S. Spivey, Pastor.

Pleasant Union—Has been much revived. Eld. Wm. S. Melvin, Pastor.

Pine Green—They are in a languishing condition. W. M. Page, Pastor.

Corinth—Nothing special. They have no regular Pastor.

Smith's Chapel—They are in peace. Eld. Joab Smith, Pastor.

Cypress Creek—They have been revived. Eld. C. C. Newton, Pastor.

Brier Branch—They have been blessed with a precious revival. Eld. Wm. S. Melvin, Pastor.

Beaver Dam—Nothing interesting. Eld. B. F. Jessup, Pastor.

White Oak, B.,—Nothing special; harmony prevails. Eld. H. S. Spivey, Pastor.

Shiloh—Somewhat revived and hopeful. Eld. Wm. S. Melvin, Pastor.

Mount Olive—Nothing interesting. Eld. F. A. Prevatt, Pastor.

Bladen Union—Nothing special. Eld. E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Green Spring—Are in peace; somewhat revived. Eld. E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Providence—Have been cheered and are hopeful. Eld. J. Monroe, Pastor.

Great Marsh—Peaceful and prosperous. Eld. E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Saddletree—Nothing interesting. Eld. E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Clybons—They are hopeful. Eld. F. Prevatt, Pastor.

Camron's Grove—Nothing special; hopes for a brighter time. Eld. Wm. C. West, Pastor.

PASTORS AND CLERKS OF THE VARIOUS CHURCHES AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.
Cape Fear,.....	H. S. Spivey, Fayetteville,..	James Marsh, Grey's Creek,
Cedar Creek,...	W. S. Melvin, Harrison's C'k,	R. A. Melvin, Cedar Creek..
Concord,.......	B. F. Jessup, Cedar Creek,..	J. L. Autrie, Blockersville,..
Magnolia,......	R. Newton, Manchester, ...	J. H. Averitt, "
Pine Grove,....	H. S. Spivey, Fayetteville, ..	S. J. Guy, Fayetteville,.....
Fayetteville,....	H. A. Brown, " ..	I. Hollingsworth, " .....
Rockfish, ...	....	J. Muslewhite, Manchester,.
Beaver Creek,..	Wm. C. West, Fayettevile,..	Jas. Holt, Fayetteville, ...
Rocky Mount,..	R. Newton, Manchester, ...	D. K. Mints, " .....
Manchester,....	Jno. M. Beasley, Fayetteville,	D. Kivett, Manchester,.....
Kingsbury,.....	R. Newton, "	C. D. Nixon, Fayetteville,...
Judson,........	J. M. Beasley, "	L. D. Sessoms, " ..
Lillie's Grove,..	J. T. Townsend, "	W. R. Haywood, " ...
Antioch,.......	J. M. Beasley, "	I. Strickland, " ..
Beaver Dam,...	B. F. Jessup, Cedar Creek,..	H. Jones, Blockersville,.....
Baptist Chapel,.	A. B. Alderman, Hawley's S.	H. J. Lockamy, Hawley's S.
Spring Branch,.	....	D. Wiliford, "
Mount Elam,...	W. M. Page, Hawley's Store,	B. Warren, "
White Oak, S.,.	H. McAlpine, Clinton,.......	G. W. Bennett, Clinton,.....
Salem, ...	H. S. Spivey, Fayetteville,...	J. C. Howard, " ....
Pleasant Union,	W. S. Melvin, Harrison's C'k	N. Faircloth, Owensville,...
Pine Green,....	W. M. Page, Hawley's Store,	J. A. Beman, Clinton,......
Corinth,........	....	J. Horn, " ......
Smith's Chapel,.	J. Smith, Blockersville,.....	W. R. Carter, Warrensville,.
Cypress Creek,.	C. C. Newton, Herringsville,	M. M. K. Smith, Elizabetht'n
Brier Branch, ..	W. S. Melvin, Harrison's C'k	W. T. Jessup, Harrison's C'k
White Oak, B.,.	H. S. Spivey, Fayetteville,...	D. M. Melvin, "
Shiloh,........	W. S. Melvin, Dawson's L'g,	I. McGhee, Cottonville,.....
Mount Olive,...	F. A. Prevatt, Lumberton,..	D. M. Singletary, Tar Heel,.

PASTORS AND CLERKS OF THE VARIOUS CHURCHES AND THEIR POST OFFICES—*Continued.*

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.
Bladen Union,..	E. D. Johnson, St. Paul's,...	F. M. Willis, Loveland,.....
Green Spring,..	E. D. Johnson, " ...	M. Cashwell, Roslin,........
Providence,....	J. Monroe, Laurel Hill,......	D. W. McGugan, Dundarrach
Great Marsh,...	E. D. Johnson, St. Paul's,....	A. Odum, St. Paul's........
Saddletree,.....	E. D. Johnson, " ...	S. R. Davis, Lumberton,....
Clybons,........	F. Prevatt, Lumberton,....	Wm. B. Odum, " ....
Camron's Grove,	Wm. C. West, Fayetteville,..	C. H. Wilson, Swan's Station

TREASURER'S REPORT.

	On hand October 18th, 1873,................................	$ 169 00
	Rec'd from Financial Committee for Domestic Missions.	64 35
	" " " " Minute Fund, 1873,...	77 80
	" " " " Foreign Missions, 1873,	46 50
	" " " " Board of Education,...	5 05
	Sabbath collection at Association,..............................	19 68
1873.		
Nov. 30	Sabbath collection at Cedar Creek,........................	7 47
1874.		
March 28	Through Elder P. C. Connelly from different churches,..	42 05
" "	" members Domestic Mission Board,.	23 70
	Sabbath collection at Manchester,............................	10 00
May 30	Through members of the Domestic Mission Board,......	18 75
" "	From churches by Elder P. C. Connelly,........	11 60
	Sabbath collection at Cape Fear,............................	5 25
Aug. 29	At Green Spring through members of the Board,.......	13 85
	Sabbath collection at Green Spring,.........................	4 85
	Through Elder P. C. Connelly at Green Spring,.........	10 00
	Received from Financial Committee at White Oak,......	76 45
	Sabbath collection at White Oak,.............................	14 03
	Through Elder P. C. Connelly at White Oak,..............	11 10
		$ 631 48

PAID OUT DURING THE YEAR.

To Financial Committee of the Baptist State Convention, at Warrenton, for Foreign Missions,...............$	51 50	
Board of Education through the same,..................	5 05	
Endowmeut Funds paid to Elder F. H. Ivey,............	26 00	
Paid for Printing Minutes,..................................	47 00	
Paid to Clerk,...	55 00	
Minute Fund on hand for session of 1873,..............	5 80	
Paid to Elder Connelly, General Missionary,............	356 00	
" " " A. B. Alderman,........................	18 00	
" " " W. C. West,..............................	24 00	
" " " S. Wiliford,............................	38 00	
Whole amount paid out up to October 18th, 1874,.......		$ 596 35
On hand October 18th, 1874,....................................		$ 35 13

We have examined the above report and find it correct.

J. T. TOWNSEND, } *Auditing Committee.*
A. S. SMITH, }

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Indian Missions.	Sabbath Schools.
Cape Fear,	$ 1 00	......	......	......	......	......
Cedar Creek,	2 50	......	......	......	......	......
Concord,	......	......	......	......	......	......
Magnolia,	1 50	......	......	......	......	......
Pine Grove,	2 05	......	......	......	......	......
Fayetteville,	5 00	$ 15 00	......	$ 5 00	......	......
Rockfish,	1 00	......	......	......	......	......
Beaver Creek,	2 00	......	......	......	......	......
Rocky Mount,	1 00	1 00	$ 2 50	......	$ 50	......
Manchester,	2 00	......	......	......	......	......
Kingsbury,	......	......	......	......	......	......
Judson,	2 00	......	......	......	......	......
Lillie's Grove,	2 00	......	......	......	......	......
Antioch,	2 00	......	......	......	......	......
Beaver Dam,	1 20	2 00	......	......	......	......
Baptist Chapel,	3 00	......	......	......	......	......
Spring Branch,	2 50	......	......	......	......	......
Mount Elam,	2 50	......	......	......	......	......
White Oak, S.,	2 50	......	......	......	......	......
Salem,	3 00	......	......	......	......	......
Pleasant Union,	1 90	......	......	......	......	......
Pine Green,	2 40	......	......	......	......	......
Corinth,	1 10	......	......	......	......	......
Smith's Chapel,	2 00	2 00	......	......	......	......
Cypress Creek,	2 00	1 00	1 35	......	......	......
Brier Branch,	2 00	......	......	......	......	......
White Oak, B.,	2 50	......	......	......	......	......
Shiloh,	1 50	1 25	......	......	......	......
Mount Olive,	1 05	......	......	......	......	......
Bladen Union,	3 00	5 00	6 20	2 75	......	$ 3 35
Green Spring,	2 50	......	8 35	......	......	......
Providence,	3 00	......	18 85	......	......	......
Great Marsh,	2 45	5 40	1 35	25	......	25
Saddletree,	2 00	6 00	......	......	......	......
Clybon's,	1 00	......	......	......	......	......
Camron's Grove,	1 50	......	......	......	......	......
	$ 70 65	$ 38 65	$ 38 60	$ 8 00	$ 50	$ 3 60

We have examined the above account and find it correct.

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TABLE SHOWING THE ADDITIONS AND DIMINUTIONS OF CHURCHES AND TIME OF HOLDING MEETINGS.

CHURCHES.	Additi'n			Dimini'n			Memb'rship			TIME OF MEETING.
	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deaths.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	
Cape Fear......	...	..	..	12	3	..	114	..	114	4th Sabbath & day before.
Cedar Creek,...	11	5	4	7	2	1	....	..	154	4th “ “ “
Concord,.......	...	..	..	...	..	..	....	..	....	....
Magnolia, ...	10	..	1	...	1	1	76	3	79	3d Sabbath & day before.
Pine Grove,....	18	3	2	55	..	2	71	..	71	2d “ “ “
Fayetteville, ...	43	6	2	...	3	3	....	..	237	Twice each Sabbath,.....
Rockfish, ...	2	..	1	1	..	1	...	..	44	....
Beaver Creek,..	15	2	..	1	..	..	....	..	38	3rd Sabbath...........
Rocky Mount,..	1	2	..	...	..	..	....	..	21	....
Manchester,.....	...	3	..	19	..	..	99	5	104	1st Sabbath & day before.
Kingsbury,......	...	..	..	...	..	..	...	..	...	....
Lillie's Grove,..	21	6	..	...	..	..	39	..	39	3rd Sabbath.............
Judson,.........	...	2	..	4	1	..	....	..	20	2d Sabbath & day before.
Antioch,........	13	2	2	...	4	2	118	2	120	3d “ “ “
Beaver Dam,...	5	2	..	2	2	5	109	1	110	1st “ “ “
Baptist Chapel,.	4	3	1	5	17	2	....	..	237	2d “ “ “
Spring Branch,.	6	1	2	6	7	..	....	..	144	....
Mount Elam....	...	..	1	...	1	1	...	..	42	3d Sabbath & day before.
White Oak, S.,..	27	..	..	2	..	1	125	52	177	1st “ “ “
Salem,.........	...	..	1	2	3	3	....	..	135	3d “ “ “
Pleasant Union,	31	1	1	2	1	..	....	..	139	2d “ “ “
Pine Green,.....	...	..	..	5	15	..	....	..	20	4th “ “ “
Corinth,.......	...	..	..	...	2	..	....	..	48	....
Smith's Chapel,.	1	..	..	...	..	..	...	..	53	4th Sabbath & day before.
Cypress Creek,.	11	..	..	1	..	1	....	..	97	2d “ “ “
Brier Branch,..	20	..	5	2	2	1	....	..	120	2d “ “ “
White Oak, B.,.	1	3	1	2	3	1	....	..	125	1st “ “ “
Shiloh, ...	3	1	2	2	1	..	59	..	59	2d “ “ “
Bladen Union,..	11	..	4	9	8	2	87	3	90	2d “ “ “
Mount Olive,...	7	3	..	1	3	1	....	..	60	1st “ “ “
Green Spring,..	10	2	1	...	1	2	....	..	123	1st “ “ “
Providence,...	5	1	..	2	1	6	....	..	73	2d “ “ “
Great Marsh,...	7	9	..	26	1	..	95	5	100	3d “ “ “
Saddletree......	...	..	7	39	1	1	59	15	74	3d “ “ “
Clybons,.......	7	5	2	2	2	..	....	..	56	2d “ “ “
Camron's Grove	...	5	..	2	1	1	..	..	31	2d “ “ “
	291	52	40	211	86	38	1051	86	3157	

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Male Teachers.	Female Teach's	No. of scholars	Vol. in Library	NO. OF S. S. PAPERS TAKEN.
Cape Fear,	Jas. Marsh,	5	4	34	75	12
Cedar Creek,	...	7	7	73	...	20
Concord,	...	...	...	...	...	...
Magnolia,	F. Jones & L. Bryan,	2	2	24	...	...
Pine Grove,	T. W. Devane,	4	3	40	...	...
Fayetteville,	N. J. McDuffie,	7	10	102	178	75 Kind Words
Rockfish,	...	...	...	...	...	...
Beaver Creek	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rocky Mount,	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manchester,	Z. T. Kivett,	4	3	60	200	20 Kind Words,
Kingsbury,	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lillie's Grove,	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judson,	...	...	...	...	...	...
Antioch,	Jas. W. Vickers,	3	2	47	95	...
Beaver Dam,	...	...	...	...	...	...
Spring Branch,	...	...	...	...	...	...
Baptist Chapel,	J. D. Malloy,	3	3	60	...	...
Mount Elam,	W. H. M. Lamb,	2	2	55	...	...
White Oak, S.,	...	...	...	...	...	...
Salem,	A. J. Cooper,	4	4	100	...	...
Pleasant Union,	J. A. R. Howard,	4	4	60	...	...
Pine Green,	J. C. Tew,	2	4	40	...	...
Corinth,	...	...	...	...	...	...
Smith's Chapel,	S. Carter,	3	2	33	...	...
Cypress Creek,	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brier Branch,	J. H. Tatum,	2	3	50	...	...
White Oak, B.,	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shiloh,	Benj. McGhee,	4	3	30	...	...
Mount Olive,	E. P. Allen,	1	4	20	...	...
Bladen Union,	...	...	...	...	...	...
Green Spring,	M. Cashwell,	2	2	50	...	...
Providence,	S. J. Cobb,	2	2	20	400	12
Great Marsh,	Wm. S. Johnson,	...	...	...	...	...
Saddletree,	...	...	...	...	...	...
Clybons,	...	...	...	...	...	...
Camron's Grove	H. W. Graham,	3	3	50	...	...
		64	68	948		

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.
Cape Fear,.....	Wm. Brunt, Fayetteville,...	James Marsh, Grey's Creek,
Cedar Creek,...	Wm. Brunt, “ ...	R. A. Melvin, Cedar Creek,.
Concord, ...	B. F. Jessup, Cedar Creek,..	B. S. Horn, Blockersville,...
Magnolia,......	Wm. Brunt, Fayetteville,. .	J. H. Averett, “ ..
Pine Grove,....	H. S. Spivey, Clinton,......	S. J. Guy, Fayetteville,.....
Fayetteville, ...	H. A. Browne, Fayetteville,	I. Hollingsworth, “ .....
Rockfish,.......	....	J. Muslewhite, Manchester,.
Beaver Creek,...	W. C. West, Fayetteville,...	J. Holt. Antioch............
Rocky Mount,..	R. Newton, “ ...	D N. Newton, Fayetteville,
Manchester,....	Jno M. Beasley, “ ...	D. Kivett, Manchester,.....
Lillie's Grove,..	J. T. Townsend, “ ...	W. R. Haywood, Fayetteville
Judson,.........	W. S. Melvin, Harrison's C'k	L. D. Sessoms, “
Antioch,.......	Jno. M. Beasley, Fayetteville,	I. Strickland, “
Beaver Dam,...	W. S. Melvin, Harrison's C'k	H. Jones, Clay Fork,.......
Mount Pisgah,.	Jno. M. Beasley, Fayetteville	Wm. S. Fisher, Fayetteville,
Baptist Chapel,.	A. B. Alderman, Hawley's St	H. J. Lockamy, Hawley's S.
Spring Branch,.	S. Wiliford, Giles' Mill.. ...	D. Wiliford, Giles' Mill,....
Mount Elam,...	W. M. Page, Hawley's Store,	B. Warren, Hawley's Store,.
White Oak, S.,.	H. McAlpin, Clinton,.......	G. W. Bennett, Clinton,....
Salem,.........	H. S. Spivey, “	J. C. Howard, “ ....
Pleasant Union,	W. S. Melvin, Harrison's C'k	N. Faircloth, Dismal,... ..
Pine Green,....	W. M. Page, Hawley's Store,	J. A. Beman, Clinton......
Corinth,........	H. J. Duncan,......	Jas. A. Carter, “ .....
Smith's Chapel,	J. Smith, Blockersville,....	W. R. Carter, Warrensville,.
Mount Pleasant,	W. S. Melvin, Harrison's C'k	S. H. Melvin, “
Long Branch,..	H. S. Spivey, Clinton,......	J. W. Autrey, Blockersville
Cypress Creek,.	C. C. Newton, Herringsville,	M. M. K. Smith, Cypress C'k
Brier Branch,..	W. S Melvin, Harrison's C'k	W. T. Jessup, Harrison's C'k
White Oak, B.,.	E Martin, “ “	D. M. Melvin, “ “
Shiloh,........	B. F. Jessup, Cedar Creek,..	I. McGhee, Loveland,. ....
White Lake,...	W. S. Melvin, Harrison's C'k	W. H. Russ, Little Sugar-loaf
Bladen Union,.	E. D. Johnson, St. Pauls,...	F. M. Willis, Prospect Hall,
Green Spring,..	E. D. Johnson, “ ...	J. G. Fisher, Roslin,.......
Providence.....	J. Monroe, Laurel Hill,.....	D. W. McGugan, Dundarrach
Great Marsh,...	E. D. Johnson, St. Pauls,...	A. Odum, St. Pauls, ...
Saddletree, ...	E. D Johnson, “ ...	S. R. Davis, Lumberton,....
Camron's Grove,	W. C. West, Fayetteville,...	C. H. Wilson, Swan's Station

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, Oct. 14th, 1875.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder E. D. Johnson, from the 50th Psalm, 14 and 15 verses: "Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the Most High: And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me."

After an interval of thirty minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. M. Beasley, and organized by reading a portion of Scripture.

Singing and prayer, Elder C. T. Bailey leading.

The names of Churches were then called, and a majority being present, the Association proceeded to business.

Appointed Brothers John F. Byrne and D. W. Tew a Committee of Finance.

Appointed Brothers Isham Royal and F. M. Willis Reading Clerks.

The Pastor and Deacons of Salem Church were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises during the sssion.

Appointed the male members of the Salem Church a Committee of Vigilance.

The Church Letters were then called for and read, and the names of delegates enrolled as follows:

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Cape Fear—Jas. Thames, Wm. Butler, J. F. Byrne.
Cedar Creek—D. L. Smith, I. Melvin, A. Thagard.
Concord—A. Horn, J. K. Gregory, H. Nunery.
Magnolia—Elder L. Bryan, R. F. Strickland, W. A. Melvin.
Pine Grove—S. E. Cain, A. Cain, J. S. Beard.
Fayetteville—Elder William Brunt, W. H. Tomlinson, P. Taylor.
Rockfish—Jno. Muslewhite.
Beaver Creek—M. Strickland, Chas. Helyeard.
Rocky Mount—Z. B. Newton.
Manchester—Elder J. M. Beasley, Z. T. Kivett, L. T. West.
Lillie's Grove—Elder W. C. West, M. H. Melvin.
Judson—W. H. Melvin, J. Horn.
Antioch—A. Bain, M. O. Jackson, M. C. Sewall.
Beaver Dam—D. S. Bullard, H. Jones, Alex. Simmons.
Mount Pisgah—N. Hall, C. D. Berk, W. W. Shepherd.

SAMPSON COUNTY.

Baptist Chapel—Elder A. B. Alderman, W. Williams, J. D. Malloy.

Spring Branch—Elder S. Williford, W. J. Pope, O. D. Strickland.
Mount Elam—B. Warren, Wm. Strickland, W. R. Jackson.
White Oak—R. M. Crumpler, W. E. Pridgen, W. Stevens.
Salem—Elder F. S. Spivey, I. Royal, M. Royal.
Pleasant Union—J. A. R. Howard, J. Fisher, S. Faircloth.
Pine Green—D. W. Tew, J. O. Tew, L. Butler.
Corinth—J. Carter, D. Carter.
Smith's Chapel—W. R. Carter.
Mount Pleasant—S. H. Melvin, S. A. Carter.
Long Branch—J. W. Autrey, D. Culbreth, J. L. Autrey.

BLADEN COUNTY.

Cypress Creek—Elder Joab Smith, J. Cain, Thos. M. Smith.
Brier Branch—A. Downing.
White Oak—D. B. Melvin, D. M. Melvin.
Shiloh—I. McGhee.
White Lake—J. R. Mulford, R. Marshburn.
Bladen Union—D. Register, T. J. Willis, F. M. Willis.

ROBESON COUNTY.

Green Spring—J. G. Fisher, C. S. Cashwell.
Providence—D. W. McGugan, J. D. McGugan.
Great Marsh—Elder E. D. Johnson, A. Odum, J. Watson.
Saddletree—S. R. Davis, M. Humphrey.

MOORE COUNTY.

Camron's Grove—Represented by letter.

The term of the officers having expired, the Association ballotted for the same.

The officers of the past year were re-elected, viz: Elder Jno. M. Beasley, Moderator; D. W. McGugan, Clerk and Treasurer.

Extended an invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren: Elder C. T. Bailey, Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*; Prof. C. E. Taylor, of Wake Forest College; Elder G. S. Jones, from the Salem Association, a Sunday School Missionary; Elder J. B. Richardson, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention; Elder P. C. Connelly and Elder D. N. Gore, from the Cape Fear Association; and Bro. J. L. Boykin, from the Eastern Association, presented themselves and were welcomed to seats.

An invitation was then extended to Churches desiring to unite with this body.

A letter was then read from the White Lake Church, Bladen Co., with a letter of dismission from the Cape Fear Association, which was duly received, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

Letters were read from Mount Pisgah, Cumberland Co., Mount Pleasant, Sampson Co., and Long Branch, Sampson

Co., all of which were duly received as members of this body; the Moderator, in behalf of the Association, extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Association then adjourned until 10 o'clock Friday morning. Closed with benediction by the Moderator.

FRIDAY, October 15th, 1875.

Association met at the appointed hour.

Moderator read select portions of Scripture; the singing of a hymn. Prayer, Elder G. S. Jones leading.

List of Churches and names of delegates called.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Invitation to visiting and corresponding messengers renewed, when Elder H. McAlpin, from the Eastern Association, presented himself and was welcomed to a seat.

Churches not represented on yesterday were then called, letters read and the names of delegates enrolled.

The Rules of Order were then read.

Reports of the various Committees appointed at last session, on the various subjects, called on to report, to-wit: Domestic Missions, Ministerial Support, Periodicals, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, Sabbath Schools, Intemperance and Obituaries.

The report on Domestic Missions was then called for and read. Report received and ordered to be appended.

Remarks on the subject by Elders J. B. Richardson, C. E. Taylor, Wm. Brunt and others. (See Appendix.)

The report on Ministerial Support read and received.

Remarks were made on the subject by Elder C. T. Bailey.

The report on Periodicals was then presented and read, and laid on the table.

Association called off for half an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called on and resumed business.

The report on Periodicals was then taken up and ordere to be appended.

The Association was addressed on the subject by Elder C. T. Bailey, H. A. Browne and A. B. Alderman.

The report on Foreign Missions was then read and ordered to be appended.

Remarks were made by Elder J. B. Richardson, at the close of which a collection was taken up in behalf of Foreign Missions, amounting to $15.47.

Association then gave way to the Domestic Mission Board.

Association called on again.

The Association excused Elder Wm. Brunt from preaching the Missionary Sermon on Sabbath; Elder J. B. Richardson was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon on Sabbath.

Association then adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY, October 16th, 1875.

Association met pursuant to adjournment, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, after which the Association resumed labor.

Minutes of the preceding day read and approved.

Delegates names called and absentees marked.

Appointed Brothers Isham Royal and F. M. Willis an Auditing Committee.

Report on Ministerial Education was then read.

Remarks were made by Elders C. E. Taylor, C. T. Bailey, H. S. Spivey, A. B. Alderman. The report was adopted.

A collection was taken up in behalf of the Board of Education, amounting to $7.50.

The following resolution was then passed:

Resolved, That the Churches of this Association be requested to make quarterly collections for the Education Board of Wake Forest College.

Report on Sabbath Schools was then read, after which remarks were made by Elders G. S. Jones, H. S. Spivey and A. B. Alderman. The report was adopted.

The following preamble and resolution was recommended by the Committee and adopted:

WHEREAS, Concert of action is essential to success in moving forward in this great work,

Resolved, That this Association appoint a Committee of five brethren, whose duty it shall be to call together the active Sabbath School workers in our bounds, at an early day, for the purpose of forming Teachers' Institutes.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Brother I. Royal, Elder H. A. Browne, Elder Wm. Brunt, Elder A. B. Alderman and Brother W. H. Tomlinson said Committee.

Report on Intemperance read and ordered to be appended.

Report on Obituaries read and ordered to be appended.

Appointed Elder E. D. Johnson and P. Taylor a Committee to appoint Corresponding Messengers.

Committee appointed at last session to present at this session a Church Covenant, By-Laws for Church Government, &c., called on to report. Report received and ordered to be appended.

Invitation renewed to visitors and corresponding messengers: Elder C. C. Newton, from the Eastern Association, presented himself and was welcomed to a seat.

Resolved, That the next session of this body be held with the Church at Mount Pisgah, Cumberland County, N. C., to meet on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1876. Elder R. Newton to preach the Introductorp Sermon; Elder W. C. West, alternate. Elder H. A. Browne, the Missionary Sermon on Sabbath; Elder J. M. Beasley, alternate.

Association called off for half an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called on again.

Corresponding Messengers, appointed at last session, called on to report:

To the Raleigh—Did not attend.
To the Cape Fear—Messengers attended and were cordially received.
None of the others attended.

The Committee to appoint Corresponding Messengers called on to report. They report the following:

To the Eastern—Elder H. S. Spivey and J. C. Howard.
To the Raleigh—Elder A. B. Alderman and W. H. Tomlinson.
To the Cape Fear—Elders E. D. Johnson and W. S. Melvin.
To the Pee Dee—T. J. Tolar and Elder J. H. Cobb.
To the Sandy Creek—Elder Wm. Brunt and Jas. F. Marsh.

The Committee to appoint Delegates to the Baptist State Convention called on to report. Report received and approved.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That Article 5th of the Constitution be so amended as to require a majority of all the votes cast to elect the officers of this body. (See Constitution.)

Report of the Domestic Mission Board called for and read, and ordered to be appended.

Treasurer called on to report. Report received and ordered to be appended.

Auditing Committee submited their report which was received.

Agreed that the Clerk have $25.00 for his services.

Agreed to have as many minutes printed as the funds in hand will justify for general distribution; the printing to be done at the *Recorder Office.*

Resolved, That the thanks of this Asssociation be and are hereby tendered to the members of Salem church, and the citizens in the vicinity of the same, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates and visitors during the session of this body.

Agreed that the Constitution and Rules of Order be reprinted with the minutes.

The Association then adjourned until time and place next appointed.

The closing exercises were conducted by Prof. C. E. Taylor.

J. M. BEASLEY, MODERATOR.

D. W. McGUGAN, Clerk.

SUNDAY, October 17th, 1875.

The congregation assembled at the stand.

Elder J. B. Richardson read Gal. 6th chapter.

Hymn: "Am I a soldier of the cross?" which was sung by the choir, with the chorus, "We will anchor by and by."

Elder J. B. Richardson preached from Gal. 6th chap., 7th verse: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

At the close of which, a collection was taken up amounting to $21.31 in aid of State Missions.

After an interval of thirty minutes, the congregation was addressed by Elder C. T. Bailey and others in behalf of the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

Thus closed a pleasant and harmonious session.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD TO THE ASSOCIATION.

The Board held its first meeting on Friday evening, October 16th, 1874, at White Oak, (Bladen). There was nothing done to organize until the next meeting, which meeting was held with the church at Mt. Elam in January. The Board assigned stations to Elders Townsend, West, Alderman and Wiliford, which was the beginning of Missionary operations the past Associational year.

The next meeting was held with the White Oak Church (Sampson), on the 29th of August. The ministers reported twenty-nine days service as follows: Elder A. B. Alderman, four days; Elder J. T. Townsend, nine days; Elder W. C. West, eight days; Elder S. Wiliford, eight days.

The next meeting was held with the Church at Pine Grove on the 29th of August. The Ministers reported fourteen days service as follows: Elder J. T. Townsend, four days; Elder W. C. West, ten days.

The next and last meeting was with the Church at Salem, on the 15th of October, 1875. The ministers report twenty-four days service as follows: Elder W. M. Page, two days; Elder W. C. West, fourteen days; Elder J. T. Townsend, four days; Elder A. B. Alderman, two days; Elder H. S. Spivey, two days; Elder S. Wiliford, four days.

The reports of Elders West, Spivey and Alderman were very encouraging; Elder W. C. West baptized at Anderson's Creek ten persons into the fellowship of the Manchester Church, and received for the ordinance of baptism at Blackman's School House twenty-two.

Thus you will see there was but little done the first of Associational year, but the two last meetings were very encouraging.

The Missionaries served the Board seventy-one days at a cost of $142.00. Number of baptisms, thirty-two.

Brethren "come to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JNO. M. BEASLEY, Chairman.

MEMBERS OF THE DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD, COMMENCING OCTOBER, 1875, AND ENDING OCTOBER, 1876.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERS.	CHURCHES.	MEMBERS.
Cape Fear,	Jos. Thames.	Salem,	M. Royal.
Cedar Creek,	Alex. Thaggard.	Pleasant Union,	J. Fisher.
Concord,	J. K. Gregory.	Pine Green,	D. W. Tew.
Magnolia,	Alex. Fisher.	Corinth,	J. O. Carter.
Pine Grove,	W. A. Guy.	Smith's Chapel,	W. R. Carter.
Fayetteville,	W. H. Tomlinson.	Mount Pleasant,	S. H. Melvin.
Rockfish,	J. Muslewhite.	Long Branch,	J. W. Autry.
Beaver Creek,	M. Strickland.	Cypress Creek,	A. S. Smith.
Rocky Mount,	Z. B. Newton.	Brier Branch,	J. H. Tatum.
Manchester,	Z. T. Kivett.	White Oak, (B),	D. B. Melvin.
Lillie's Grove,	M. H. Melvin.	Shiloh,	I. McGhee.
Judson,	W. H. Melvin.	White Lake,	J. R Mulford.
Antioch,	H. L. Hall.	Bladen Union,	D. Register.
Beaver-Dam,	H. Jones.	Green Spring,	M. Cashwell.
Mt. Pisgah,	C. D. Berk,	Providence,	D. W. McGugan.
Baptist Chapel,	Elder B. Jackson.	Great Marsh,	W. S. Johnson.
Spring Branch,	G. Godwin.	Saddletree,	L. Humphrey.
Mt. Elam,	W. H. McLamb.	Camron's Grove,	H. Graham.
White Oak, (S),	A. C. Crumpler.		

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Your Committee beg permission to submit the following:

1st. It is the imperative duty of ministers to cultivate the Missionary spirit in themselves and their churches and congregations.

2d. It is recommended that every minister. at every regular appointment, give the church and congregation an opportunity to contribute to some good cause.

3d. Let the duty of giving be often explained and urged, both in public and private.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BRUNT, } Committee.
P. TAYLOR, }

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We have only to examine the Scriptures of the Old Testament to learn the statutes of heaven on this point. The tribe of Levi was set apart to the special service of the Most High, to whom the Lord gave the tenths in Israel for an inheritance for their service. Moreover, he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the Priests and the Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of the Lord. 2d Chron. 31: 4.

Under the New Testament dispensation God has called men to the Gospel Ministry "as the Levites were," and for them he has given His churches definite laws for their *Support* and co-operation The great Apostle of the Gentiles was an ambassador of Christ, to build up his kingdom. This distinguished Apostle on this point now at issue reasons in the following manner: "Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof ? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock ? Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also ? For it is written in the law of Moses Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen ? or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes no doubt, this is written, that he that plougheth should plough in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things ?" 1st Cor. 9: 7-11. "Let him that is taught in the word, communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things." Gal. 6: 6.

Let your Minister feel in the first place that his office is revered and its authority recognized. Let him know that the motives which animate him are understood; that his wants are thoughtfully cared and provided for. Let him feel that the seed he scatters is not watered by his own tears alone, but that his people pray for him while he preaches, and that they remember him in their closets, and at their domestic altar, and in all the social intercourse of life.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. W. McGUGAN, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This is a subject of tremendous importance. When we consider the benighted condition of the heathen part of our world, our feelings are of a painful nature. The circumstances in which providence has placed us require upon our part renewed exertion for their rescue from under the dominion of Idolatry and its consequent calamities. We should be stimulated to persevere in this good cause, in consideration of that which has already been accomplished.

All of which is submitted,

W. S. MELVIN, Chairman.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We are gratified to report twenty-six Sabbath Schools in operation within the bounds of the Association,numbering 1,225 pupils and 169 Teachers and Officers. Our hearts are cheered at the evident increase of interest in this department of christian work, and hope that at our next annual session every church in the Association will have a cheering report to make. Let the Bible be our only rule of faith and practice, and let us labour earnestly to plant and cultivate a Bible School in every community.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. MUSLEWHITE, Chairman.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals would respectfully recommend for the cultivation of unity of interest and fellowship of the members of the churches, as well as for the better instruction of Christ's people in all those things that tend to the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, the circulation among the families of our brethren, histories of our denominational literature. At this, more than at any former day, is this a necessity. It is in our opinion both the duty and the privilege of the pastors of the churches to aid their brethren in this important work. God has made of us a great people, we owe it to Him to use all the means in our reach, in fitting us for the great work which he has called us; that as good and wise servants we may work in his vineyard to his glory. We cheerfully recommend the *Biblical Recorder*, our denominational organ, as accurately and zealously advocating and defending our principles and worthy a place in every Baptist family.

We also recommend *Kind Words* to our Sabbath Schools as a good paper for our children.

C. T. BAILEY, Chairman.

OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries are pleased to state that the mortality in our Asssociation for the last twelve months is much less than it has been for the same length of time in several years. There is reported by the letters 22 or 23 deaths during the last year. We have lost by death about 1 to every 150. Should we not be deeply impressed with a sense of God's goodness to us in this respect.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. BEASLEY, Chairman.

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Intemperance submit the following: We respectfully recommend that the churches of this Association discountenance the sale and use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

H. S. SPIVEY, Chairman.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education are glad to report the Education Board of the Baptist State Convention in a prosperous condition. For the session of Wake Forest College, ending last June, there were twenty-one young ministers in attendance. Eleven of these brethren were under the care of the Board, while aid was rendered a few others in bearing the incidental expenses of a college life. For this session the Board has under its immediate charge fifteen young ministers. They had made arrangements for many more, and hoped God would have put it into the hearts of more of our rising ministers to seek greater efficiency in the work to which He has called them.

It is especially gratifying with the Committee to be able to report the Board out of debt for the board and incidental expenses of these young brethren. We congratulate the denomination upon the partial awakening of the great importance of education. We hope to see the day when our sons and daughters shall be educated, and when on our farms, and the bar, and in all the learned professions shall be found educated Baptist men, as well as educated ministers, to preach the Gospel of Christ to the gainsayers and objecters in all sections of North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WILLIS, } Committee.
C. E. TAYLOR, }

DIGEST ON THE STATE OF RELIGION AS INDICATED BY THE CHURCH LETTERS.

Cape Fear—"They have been somewhat edified." Elder Wm. Brunt Pastor.

Cedar Creek—"They have been revived." Elder Wm. Brunt, Pastor.

Concord—"Have nothing special." Elder B. F. Jessup, Pastor.

Magnolia—"Nothing interesting." Elder Wm. Brunt, Pastor.

Pine Grove—"Nothing special." Elder H. S. Spivey, Pastor.

Fayetteville—They have been revived. Elder H. A. Browne, Pastor.

Rockfish—They are in a cold state. They have no pastor.

Beaver Creek—Have been revived. Elder W. C. West, Pastor.

Rocky Mount—They are in peace. Elder R. Newton, Pastor.

Manchester—They are in union. Elder J. M. Beasley, Pastor.

Lillie's Grove—"Peace and harmony." Elder J. T. Townsend, Pastor.

Judson—"Have been revived." 34 additions. Elder Wm. S. Melvin, Pastor.

Antioch—Nothing cheering. Elder J. M. Beasley, Pastor.

Beaver Dam—They have been revived. Elder Wm. S. Melvin. Pastor.

Mount Pisgah—A newly organized church and prosperous. Elder J. M. Beasley, Pastor.

Baptist Chapel—Somewhat revived and hopeful. Elder A. B. Alderman, Pastor.

Spring Branch—They have been revived. 22 additions. Elder S. Wiliford, Pastor.

Mount Elam—They have been revived. 26 additions. W. M. Page, Pastor.

White Oak, (S.)—Nothing cheering. Elder H. M. Alpin, Pastor.

Salem—Has been much revived. 32 additions. Elder H. S. Spivey, Pastor.

Pleasant Union—Nothing interesting. Elder W. S. Melvin, Pastor.

Pine Green—Complains of coldness. Elder W. M. Page, Pastor.

Corinth—Are in a cold state. Elder H. J. Duncan, Pastor.

Smith's Chapel—Are in peace. Elder Joab Smith, Pastor.

Mount Pleasant—A newly constituted church. Elder Wm. S. Melvin, Pastor.

Long Branch—A newly organized body and prosperous. Elder H. S. Spivey, Pastor.

Cypress Creek—Nothing special, but hopeful. Elder C. C. Newton, Pastor.

Brier Branch—Nothing special, but hopeful. Elder Wm. S. Melvin, Pastor.

White Oak, (B.)—They are in peace. Elder E. Martin, Pastor.

Shiloh—Nothing interesting. Elder B. F. Jessup, Pastor.

White Lake—They have been revived. Elder Wm. S. Melvin, Pastor.

Bladen Union—Nothing interesting. Elder E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Green Spring—They are hopeful. Elder E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Providence—They have been revived. Elder J. Monroe, Pastor.

Great Marsh—Nothing cheering, but hopeful. Elder E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Saddletree—They have been revived. Elder E. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Camron's Grove—They have been revived and are hopeful. Elder W. C. West, Pastor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

On hand Oct. 18th, 1874,..	$ 35 13
Received from the Financial Committee at the Asssociation, at White Oak, for Minute Fund, 1874,........................	70 65
Rec'd from the Financial Committee for Foreign Missions, 1874,.	38 60
" " " " " Board of Education, "	8 00
" " " " " Sabbath Schools, "	3 60
" " " " " Indian Missions, "	50
Through members of the Domestic Mission Board, at Mt. Elam, Jan. 1875.	7 75
Spring Branch Church, through Elder S. Wiliford,................	7 00
Sabbath collection at Mount Elam,.............................	3 60
Through members of the Domestic Mission Board, at White Oak, May 30th, 1875,..	24 20
Sabbath collection at White Oak,..............................	7 50
Through members of the Domestic Mission Board, at Pine Green, August 28th, 1875,..	9 85
Sabbath collection at Pine Green,..............................	8 23
Through members of the Domestic Mission Board at Salem, Oct. 15th, 1875,..	29 00
From Financial Committee at Association,.......................	50 25
Total received,..	$ 303 86

PAID OUT SINCE OCT. 18TH, 1874.

To Financial Committee of the Baptist State Convention, at Wilmington, for Foreign Missions,..............	$ 38 60	
Education,..	8 00	
Sabbath Schools,..	3 60	
Indian Missions,..	50	
Paid N. B. Broughton for printing minutes,..............	47 60	
" Clerk,..	25 00	
" Elder A. B. Alderman as Missionary,..............	12 00	
" " W. C. West, "	64 00	
" " J. T. Townsend, "	34 00	
" " S. Wiliford, "	24 00	
" " W. M. Page, "	4 00	
" " H. S. Spivey, "	4 00	
" Express freight on minutes,..............	2 00	
Total paid out,..		$ 267 40
On hand October 15th, 1875,..............................		$ 36 46

Your Committee have examined the above report and find it correct.

F. M. WILLIS, }
ISHAM ROYAL, } Auditing Committee.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Sabbath Schools.	State Missions.
Cape Fear,	$ 2 00	$ 1 20	$ 1 60	$	$	$
Cedar Creek,	2 50					
Concord,	3 77		1 40			
Magnolia,	1 75					
Pine Grove,	2 00					
Fayetteville,	6 00	10 00				5 00
Rockfish,	1 00					
Beaver Creek,	1 50					
Rocky Mount,	75	1 50	1 00	1 05		
Manchester,	1 40	4 40				
Lillie's Grove,	1 50	2 10				
Judson,	2 00					
Antioch,	1 50					
Baptist Chapel,	3 00					
Spring Branch,	2 00					
Beaver Dam	1 20					
Mount Pisgah,	2 00					
Mount Elam,	2 00					
White Oak, S.,	3 25	1 55				
Salem,	2 50					
Pleasant Union,	1 00					
Pine Green,	2 00					
Corinth,	1 00					
Smith's Chapel	1 50	1 00				
Mount Pleasant,	1 25	1 70				
Long Branch,	2 00					
Cypress Creek,	2 00					
Rrier Branch,	2 00					
White Oak, B.,	3 00	5 00	1 10			
Shiloh,	1 50				3 50	5 00
White Lake,	2 85	2 00	2 00			
Bladen Union,	2 00	3 00				
Green Spring,	2 50		2 50			
Providence,	3 00	5 00	11 70			
Great Marsh,	2 00	4 00				
Saddletree,	2 00	7 80				
Camron's Grove,	1 00					
	$ 76 22	$ 50 25	$ 21 30	$1 05	$ 3 50	$ 10 00

Your Committee have examined the above report and find it correct.
Respectfully,

F. M. WILLIS, } Auditing Committee.
I. ROYAL, }

TABLE OF STATISTICS SHOWING THE ADDITIONS AND DIMINUTIONS OF CHURCHES AND TIME OF MEETINGS.

CHURCHES.	Additions.			Diminutions.			Membership.			TIME OF MEETING.
	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deaths.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	
Cape Fear,	9	..	4	17	1	1	101	.	101	2d Sabbath & day before.
Cedar Creek,	8	3	7	7	3	2	160	..	160	4th " " "
Concord	12	..	1	32	3	2	122	..	122	1st. " " "
Magnolia,	2	..	1	3	..	..	74	..	74	3d " " "
Pine Grove,	10	7	..	11	2	2	73	..	73	2d " " "
Fayetteville,	19	5	1	3	4	2	253	..	253	Twice each Sabbath.
Rockfish,	...	..	..	...	..	1	43	..	43	....
Beaver Creek	12	..	..	...	..	..	50	..	50	4th Sabbath & day before.
Rocky Mount,	...	..	..	...	..	1	20	..	20	4th "
Manchester,	9	2	1	...	2	..	94	5	99	1st " " "
Lillie's Grove,	6	..	..	2	2	..	41	..	41	3rd " " "
Judson	34	4	..	1	..	1	56	..	56	2d " " "
Antioch,	...	..	..	1	3	2	114	..	114	3rd " " "
Beaver Dam,	10	..	4	5	3	1	115	..	115	1st " " "
Mount Pisgah,	21	8	..	...	..	..	48	..	48	4th " " "
Baptist Chapel,	12	1	3	16	..	..	237	..	237	2d " " "
Spring Branch,	22	1	5	5	4	..	163	..	163	1st " " "
Mount Elam	22	4	..	...	2	..	66	..	66	3rd " " "
White Oak, S.,	...	..	1	2	10	..	125	41	166	1st " " "
Salem,	28	4	2	2	..	3	156	8	164	3rd " " "
Pleasant Union,	3	1	..	5	..	1	134	..	134	4th " " "
Pine Green,	10	..	6	8	17	1	102	..	102	4th " " "
Corinth,	...	..	2	10	2	1	38	..	38	2d " " "
Smith's Chapel,	3	..	..	3	..	..	52	..	52	4th " " "
Mount Pleasant.	12	12	..	...	..	..	23	..	23	4th " " "
Long Branch,	31	19	..	...	..	..	50	..	50	....
Cypress Creek,	...	1	..	...	3	..	78	..	78	2d Sabbath & day before.
Brier Branch,	4	2	3	2	6	..	121	..	121	3rd " " "
White Oak, B.,	6	2	1	...	3	3	127	..	127	1st " " "
Shiloh,	3	1	..	6	1	1	56	..	56	2d " " "
White Lake,	10	2	6	3	2	..	125	..	125	....
Bladen Union,	...	1	..	2	5	1	80	2	82	2d Sabbath & day before.
Green Spring,	6	2	..	11	3	..	117	..	117	1st " " "
Providence.	4	3	..	3	..	1	70	5	75	1st&2d " " "
Great Marsh,	...	1	..	...	2	.	94	5	99	3rd " " "
Saddletree,	11	4	6	8	2	2	83	..	83	3rd " " "
Camron's Grove	6	..	..	2	..	1	....	..	34	2d " " "
	345	89	54	170	85	30	3595	66	3611	

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Male Teachers.	Female Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Volumes in Library	No. of Sunday Sch'l Papers taken.
Cape Fear,......	Jas. Marsh,..........	5	4	30	75	12
Cedar Creek, ...	T. N. Culbreth,.....	4	4	50	.....	24
Concord, ...	....	......	.....	.....	......	......
Magnolia,..... ..	H. Jones,...	2	2	25	......	.....
Pine Grove,.....	....	......	......	.....	......	......
Fayetteville, ...	Elder H. A. Browne,.	8	16	102	200	50
Rockfish,.......	....	......	......	......	......	.....
Beaver Creek,...	....	......	......	......	......	......
Rocky Mount,...	....	.....	......	......	......	......
Manchester,.....	Z. T. Kivett,.........	4	3	65	200	......
Lillie's Grove,...	....	......	.....	......	......	......
Judson,.........	J. R. Honrine,.......	3	3	......	......	......
Antioch,........	H. L. Hall, ...	3	3	47	.....	......
Beaver Dam,...	G. T. Horn,..........	2	1	25	.....	......
Mount Pisgah,..	Wm. S. Fisher,......	4	4	76	67	....
Baptist Chapel,..	John Culbreth,.......	3	2	66	......	......
Spring Branch,..	John C. Wiliford,....	8	3	90	......	......
Mount Elam,....	W. H. M. Lamb,.....	4	2	90	.....	.....
White Oak, S.,..	....	.....	.....	......	......	......
Salem,..........	I. Royal,............	4	4	95	84	......
Pleasant Union,.	J. A. R. Howard,...	......	......	......	......	......
Pine Green,.....	J. O. Tew,..	3	4	50	......	......
Corinth, ...	....	.....	.....	.....	......	......
Smith's Chapel,.	F. H. Armstrong,.....	2	2	32	......	......
Mount Pleasant,.	....	1	1	41	......	......
Long Branch,...	....	......	......	......	.....	.....
Cypress Creek,..	J. Cain,..............	3	2	25	......	......
Brier Branch,...	C. H. Tatum,........	3	4	51	......	......
White Oak, B.,..	C. Martin,...........	....	......	20	......	......
Shiloh..........	I. McGhee,...........	6	4	65	32	......
White Lake,....	G. W. Thomas,.......	2	2	34	......	......
Bladen Union,..	....	......	......	25	......	......
Green Spring,...	M. Cashwell,.........	2	2	45	......	......
Providence,.....	S. J. Cobb,...........	2	1	20	200	.....
Great Marsh,....	A. Odum,............	2	2	25	.....	......
Saddletree,......	....	.....	......	.....	......	......
Camron's Grove,	R. Wilson,...........	2	2	40	......	......
		82	77	1,104		

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Ghost, to walk together in christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offence, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant, and the principles of God's word

By-Laws for Church Government.

Article 1. At each church meeting the Pastor, when present and able, shall be the recognized Moderator, in the event of his absence, one of the officers of the church shall act as Moderator, *pro tem*, he being called to the Chair by the voice of the members present on a nomination of him having a second.

Art. 2. At each church meeting the Moderator, on taking the Chair, shall request the Clerk to call the names of the male members, and on there being as many as *seven* present, including two officers of the church, the number shall be deemed a quorum and competent to transact business for the church, and the meeting shall then be solemnly opened with prayer, either by the Moderator or by some one on whom he may impose the duty.

Art. 3. At each church meeting the Committee of Vigilance shall report concerning the order of the church, The report shall be presented in writing and read by the Clerk. All public transgressions shall be reported but not those of a private nature, except they cannot be settled by the Committee and the parties concerned, and no case of disorder shall be presented to the church except through the Committee of Vigilance, each member however bearing it in mind, as a duty, to inform that Committee of any disorder known to exist.

Art. 4. When a motion is put to vote, the vote of the majority shall be recognized as a decision to which the minority shall feel under obligations to submit in christian manner, except it be a case in which the decision of the majority is mighty injurious to the interests of Christ, in such a case the minority shall have the privilege to appeal to the decision of a called council, consisting of at least three ministers; adjudged to be well versed in the doctrines and principles of the Bible and of our denomination, or a vote may be annulled and the whole matter undergo a second decision, provided some valid reason can be presented not before duly considered.

Art. 5. When any motion is about to be made by a member, or a remark to be submitted, the speaker in every instance shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator with the appellation of Brother, who shall give an expression of his sanction, and then the speaker shall proceed, and in all cases observing christian gravity, as though he felt that the eye of God is upon him, and avoiding any remark or expression designed to reflect upon a member as a taunt; the speaker shall not be interrupted except by the Moderator or by a member with a view to correct a misapprehension, in which case great care shall be taken to do it in the spirit of christianity, and no member shall hastily consider himself referred to by the speaker, or hastily take exception to what is said, but exercise as far as can that charity which thinketh no evil.

Art. 6. Any motion not receiving a second shall not demand the consideration of the church, and any matter presented without a form or contrary to the Constitution, shall not be admitted to discussion or consideration.

Art. 7. When persons present themselves for membership great pains shall be taken to secure in every instance unanimous approbation of those present.

Art. 8. The time when the door of experience shall be opened shall be regulated by each church meeting, at their option or by the Pastor.

Art. 9. The financial concerns of the church shall be enquired into at each church meeting, which will require a report of the Treasurer.

Art. 10. Whensoever the door of experience is opened at a church meeting, the Constitution of the church shall be previously read, and also at such times on other occasions as the Pastor may deem expedient.

Art. 11. The Moderator shall see that their be a strict conformity to these laws, and any member who may violate them and may be called to order, shall take it kindly, feeling that the Moderator has done that which was his duty.

CONSTITUTION.

OF THE

CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, God's people are commanded to strive together for the faith of the Gospel; and whereas, in union there is greater strength and capacity for assisting in the promotion of Christ's Kingdom on earth: we, professed disciples of Christ, resolve to unite in an associated capacity on the following Constitution:

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ART. 2. This body shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates.

ART. 3. In the selection of these delegates, the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

ART. 4. The delegates thus selected should bear from their respective churches a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and the interest thereof.

ART. 5. The Association shall select out of their members annually a presiding officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and who shall receive a majority of all the votes cast to elect the same, and to continue in office until the time for the annual election.

ART. 6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to "law and testimony."

ART. 7. The Association shall have a fund created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

ART. 8. A faithful record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session, which shall be printed and presented to each session.

ART, 9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint an Executive Committee, to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted; which Committee shall be answerable for their official acts to the Association.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship toward any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve proper or Gospel order among their members, nor towards any of her churches and Ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote Gospel principles and order.

ART. 11. It shall be the province of the Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to a seat, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall be on Thursday before the third Lord's day in October, at such places as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon preached, and also a Charity Sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. At each assembling for the transaction of business, the presiding officer, (or in his absence the Secretary,) shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a chairman *pro tem.* shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, praise and prayer, either by him or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

2. The presiding officer shall, as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association, in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transacted. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking.

3. The names of the delegates shall be called each day of the session, previous to proceeding to business, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers, and each other, which becometh those that reverence God, whose they are and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or make remarks, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the presiding officer; shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

5. When a motion is made without a second it shall not receive attention; but if seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer, or if in writing, shall be read by the Secretary, before debate.

6. After a motion is stated by the presiding officer, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, previous to a discussion.

7. When a question is under debate, no motion or proposition shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preferenee in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative, or negative, it it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for reconsideration thereof during the same session.

9. When a subject is presented, and is promptly opposed by any member it shall be admitted to consideration by a vote of the Association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association unless he has permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association, by a vote of a majority of the delegates present.

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MINUTES

OF THE

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Cedar Creek Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Mt. Pisgah, Cumberland County, N. C.,

OCTOBER 12th, 13th, 14th & 15th.

ISHAM ROYAL, Moderator, Huntly, Sampson Co., N. C.
FRANCIS M. WILLIS. Clerk, St. Pauls, Robeson Co., N. C.

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PASTORS AND CLERKS WITH THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.
Cape Fear,	Wm. Brunt, Fayetteville.	Jas. Marsh, Grey's Creek.
Cedar Creek,	Wm. Brunt, Fayetteville.	F. S. Averill, Cedar Creek.
Concord,	W. M. Page, Hawley's Store.	D. J. Davis, Blockersville
Magnolia,	W. S. Melvin.	R. F. Strickland.
Lebanon,	J. M. Beasly Fayetteville.	Chas. Guy, Fayetteville.
Fayetteville,	H. A. Brown, Fayetteville.	I. Hollingsworth,Fayetteville
Rockfish,	S. Willeford, Giles' Mills.	J. Musselwhite, Hope Mills.
Beaver Creek,	S. Willeford, Giles' Mills.	M. Morgan, Hope Mills.
Rocky Mount,	R. Newton.	D. R. Mints.
Manchester,	J. M. Beasly, Fayetteville.	David Kivett, Manchester.
Lilly's Grove,	J. T. Townsend, Fayetteville.	W. R. Haywood, Fayetteville
Judson,	W. S Melvin.	L. D. Sessoms.
Antioch,	S. Willeford, Giles' Mills.	I. Strickland, Kyles Landing
Beaverdam,	Wm. Brunt, Fayetteville.	Irvin Melvin, Clay Fork.
Mount Pisgah,	J. M. Beasly, Fayetteville.	W. S. Fisher, Fayetteville.
Baptist Chapel,	A. B. Alderman, Giles' Mills.	H. J. Lockamy, Hawley's St.
Spring Branch,	S. Willeford, Giles' Mills.	D. Willeford, Giles' Mills.
Mount Elam,	W. M. Page, Hawley's Store.	B. Warren, Hawley's Store.
White Oak, (S)	H. S. Spivey, Clinton.	Geo. W. Bennett.
Salem,	H. S. Spivey, Clinton.	J. C. Howland, Huntly.
Pleasant Union,	Wm. Brunt.	J. Fisher.
Pine Green,	W. M. Page, Hawley's Store.	J. A. Beaman, Clinton.
Corinth,	L. Bryan, Cypress Creek.	J. O. Carter, Warrensville,
Smith's Chapel,	Joab Smith, Clay Fork.	W. R. Carter, Warrensville.
Mount Pleasant,	W. S. Melvin.	S. H. Melvin.
Long Branch,	H. S. Spivey.	J. W. Autry.
Cypress Creek,	C. C. Newton, Herringville.	M. McK. Smith, Cypress C'k
Brier Branch,	W. S. Melvin, White Oak.	W. T. Jessup, White Oak.
White Oak, (B)	W. S Melvin, White Oak.	D. M. Melvin, White Oak.
Shiloh,	S. Willeford, Giles' Mills.	J. McGee, Loveland.
White Lake,	C. C. Newton.	W. H. Russ, Little Sug. Loaf
Bladen Union,		F. M. Willis, St. Pauls.
Green Spring,	E. D. Johnson, St. Pauls.	J. G. Fisher, Roslin.
Providence,	J. Monroe, Laurel Hill.	D.W. McGugan, Dundarroch.
Great Marsh,	E. D. Johnson, St. Pauls.	A. Odum, St. Pauls.
Saddletree,	E. D. Johnson, St. Pauls.	S. R. Davis, Lumberton.
New Hope,	W. C. West.	C. D. Nixon.

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, October 12th, 1876.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. D. Hufham, from Romans, 5th chapter, 8th verse: "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

After an interval of forty-five minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. M. Beasley, who conducted the opening exercises by reading a portion of scripture and singing,

After which, prayer was offered, Brother M. McK. Smith leading.

The list of churches was then called.

All responded save the following, to-wit: Rocky Mount, Manchester, White Oak, (Sampson County) Pleasant Union and White Oak (Bladen County).

There being a majority of the churches present, the Association proceeded to business.

Appointed Brethren M. McK. Smith and L. W. Strickland a Committee on Finance.

Appointed Brethren Isham Royal and F. M. Willis Reading Clerks.

Appointed the Pastor and Deacons of Mt. Pisgah Church, with Bro. Jno. F. Byrne, a Committee on Religious Exercises during the session.

Also appointed the male members of Mt. Pisgah Church, a Committee of Vigilance.

The Church Letters were now called for and read, and the names of Delegates enrolled as follows:

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Cape Fear—James Thames, Wm. Butler, R. E. Ellis.
Cedar Creek—B. L. Smith, Elder B. F. Jessup, M. Cashwell.
Concord—B. J. Davis, S. Sterling, D. K. Hall.
Magnolia—H. Jones, D. Fisher, E. Fisher.
Lebannon—T. W. Devane, D. L. Beard, Wm. A. Beard.
Fayetteville—Elder Wm. Brunt, J. T. Marsh, W. H. Tomlinson.
Rockfish—Jno. Musselwhite.
Beaver Creek—M. Strickland, C. R. Jones, M. Morgan.
Rocky Mount—R. Newton, Y. B. Newton.
Manchester—Elder J. M. Beasley, Wm. Raymond, Z. T. Kivett.
Lilly's Grove—S. J. Guy, M. T. Underwood, A. Core.
Judson—W. F. Sessoms, F. McDaniel.
Antioch—Wm. H. Wade, H. Williams.
Beaverdam—S. Vincent, M. Hall.
Mount Pisgah—M. Hall, C. S. Burke, T. Teabout.
New Hope—(Newly constituted) H. H. Wood.

SAMPSON COUNTY.

Spring Branch—J. A. Dawson, G. Godwin, L. W. Strickland.
Baptist Chapel—J. Culbreth, Jas. Jackson, W. S. Stevens.
Mount Elam—William Strickland, D. Jackson.
White Oak—A. C. Crumpler
Salem—Isham Royal, S. A. Howard.
Pleasant Union—S. J. Faircloth.
Pine Green—M. Tew, J. A. Beaman, Jas. Honeycutt.
Corinth—Jas. O. Carter, D. Carter.
Smith's Chapel—R. Cain.
Mount Pleasant—S. H. Mekin, S. A. Carter, W. B. Owen.
Long Branch—L. W. Autry, W. B. Hall

BLADEN COUNTY.

Cypress Creek—T. M. Smith, M. McK. Smith, Elder J. Smith.
Brier Branch—T. J. Baker.
White Oak—Elder W. S. Melvin, D. M. Melvin.
Shiloh—H. Jones.
White Lake—T. H. Hales, F. M. Marshburne.
Bladen Union—F. M. Willis, D. Register.

ROBESON COUNTY.

Green Spring—J. H. Cashwell, J. G. Fisher, H. H. Jones.
Providence—D. W. McGugan, R. W. Kinlaw, Alex. Thaggard.
Great Marsh—Elder E. D. Johnson, M. J. D. Willowby, A. Odum.
Saddle Tree—L. Humphrey, Wm. Powell.

The church at Cameron's Grove, Moore County, having petitioned for a letter of dismission to unite with the Little River Association,

On motion, the same was unanimously granted them.

The terms of the present officers of the Association having expired, the Association proceeded to elect officers for the term.

Bro. Isham Royal was elected Moderator and F. M. Willis was elected Clerk and Treasurer.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our hearty thanks to Elder Jno. M. Beasley and Brother. D. W. McGugan for the faithful and efficient services they have rendered this Association as Moderator and Clerk for several years.

The Association extended an invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren to take seats with us.

The following brethren came forward and were cordially received, to-wit: Bro. Jordan Tysor, from the Sandy Creek Association; Elder T. B. Newberry, from the Cape Fear; Elder J. D. Hufham, of the *Biblical Recorder;* and Bro. D. T. Averitt, of the Eastern Association.

A letter was read from Brethren F. M. Carroll and Amos Royal, corresponding messengers from the Eastern Associaciaticn, who were unable to attend in person.

Appointed the following brethren to report on the various subjects for this session:

Domestic Missions—Elders J. M. Beasley and E. D. Johnson.
Periodicals—Elder J. D. Hufham and Brother C. D. Burke.
Foreign Missions—Elder Wm. Brunt and Bro. J. F. Byrne.
Ministerial Support—Brethren D. W. McGugan and M. McK. Smith.
Ministerial Education—Elder H. A. Brown and Prof. L. R. Mills.
Sabbath Schools—Brethren W. H. Tomlinson and L. W. Strickland.
Obituaries—Elder J. M. Beasley and Brother F. M. Willis.
Intemperance—Brethren T. W. Devane and D. W. McGugan.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock. Closed with the benediction.

FRIDAY, October 13th, 1876.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Elder W. S. Melvin conducted the opening exercises by reading 1st Psalm. Hymn sang by the congregation.

Prayer, Elder E. D. Johnson leading.

List of churches and roll of delegates called.

Minutes of yesterday read, corrected and ratified.

Churches absent on yesterday called. The following responded, to-wit: Pleasant Union and White Oak (Bladen)

Their letters were read and the names of the delegates enrolled.

Rules of Order read.

On motion, amended Art. II, of the Constitution of this Association, by adding the following clause to said Article: "And ministers having charge of churches in this Association shall be members *ex-officio*.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees for this session:

Auditing Committee—Brethren J. F. Byrne and J. Musselwhite.

To Appoint Corresponding Messengers—Elder J. M. Beasley and Brother D. W. McGugan.

To Appoint Delegates to Baptist State Convention—Elders E. D. Johnson and W. S. Melvin.

Reports of Committees appointed yesterday called for.

Elder J. D. Hufham read report on Periodicals.

Pending the motion for its adoption, appropriate remarks were made by Elders Hufham, Beasley, Smith and Brown, and several subscribers taken for the *Biblical Recorder*.

The report was unanimously adopted and ordered to be appended to the minutes. (See Appendix.)

Elder J. M. Beasley read report on Home Missions.

Pending its adoption, remarks were made by Elders Beasley and Hufham, and by the Moderator. At the conclusion of the remarks a collection was taken up for Home Missions, amounting to $9.63.

Report adopted. (See Appendix.)

Bro. S. W. McGugan, from the Committee to Nominate Corresponding Messengers, read the following appointments, which were approved by the Association:

To the Eastern Association—Elder H. S. Spivey and Brother Isham Royal.

To the Raleigh—Elder Wm. Brunt and Brother W. H. Tomlinson.

To the Cape Fear—Elders E. D. Johnson and W. S. Melvin and Brother L. Humphrey.

To the Pee Dee—Brethren T. J. Tolar and J. T. Ausly.

To the Sandy Creek—Elders J. M. Beasly and Wm. Brunt and Brother J. F. Marsh.

To the Little River—Elders J. M. Beasly and H. A. Brown and Brother D. Kivett.

Ordered that any brother from this Association, who may be in attendance on any other Association, be considered a Corresponding Messenger.

Renewed the invitation to visiting brethren: Elder R. H. Griffith, Agent for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, came forward and was welcomed to a seat.

The delegates from White Oak (Sampson) having arrived their letter was called for and read, and the names of the delegates enrolled.

The Association took a recess of thirty minutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resumed business.

The Association appointed an Executive Board for the ensuing year, and then gave way for a meeting of the Board.

Called on again and resumed business.

On motion, the Association allowed Elder R. H. Griffith to present the claims of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, which he did in an earnest, eloquent address.

He was followed by Elder J. D. Hufham, on the same subject.

Elder E. D. Johnson, from the Committee to appoint Delegates to the Baptist State Convention, read the following appointments, which were ratified by the Association, to-wit: Elders Wm. Brunt, J. M. Beasley, E. D. Johnson, W. S. Melvin, A. B. Alderman, H. A. Brown. W. C. West, and Brethren Isham Royal, T. W. Devane and C. P. McGugan.

On motion, it was ordered that any brother from this Association who may be in attendance at the Convention be considered a delegate if the rules of the Convention so allow.

The delegates from Rocky Mount having arrived, their letter was called for and read, and the names of the delegates enrolled.

An opportunity was here given to newly constituted churches to unite with the Association, whereupon a letter was presented and read from New Hope Church, Cumberland County, asking for membership in this body.

It was unanimously received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

On motion, adjourned to Saturday morning 10 o'clock.

Closed with benediction.

SATURDAY, Oct. 14th, 1876.

Association convened.

Opening exercises conducted by Elder E. D. Johnson.

Prayer, Elder J. D. Hufham leading.

Roll of delegates called and absentees stricken off.

Minutes of yesterday read. Stood approved.

Renewed the invitation to visiting brethren to take seats with us: Prof. L. R. Mills, from the Central Association, and Agent for the Board of Education, came forward and was cordially received.

On motion, appointed Brethren T. W. Devane, D. W. McGugan and Elder H. A. Brown a Committee to prepare a standing Order of Business for the sessions of this Association.

The delegates from Manchester presented their letter, which was read and the names of delegates enrolled.

Reports of Committees called for.

Bro. D. W. McGugan read report on Ministerial Support. Report adopted.

The Moderator read the report of the Committee on Sabbath School Institutes. Adopted.

On the adoption of the above report, the following was offered and adopted:

In view of the success of the Committee on Sabbath School Institutes the past year, therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed for the ensuing year, and that this committee be diligent and zealous in its efforts to promote and advance Sunday School work.

The following brethren compose said Committee: Isham Royal, Chairman, W. H. Tomlinson, D. W. McGugan Z. T. Kivett and Jno. F. Byrne.

Bro. T. W. Devane read report on Intemperance.

Remarks by Brethren D. Register, T. W. Devane Z. B. Newton, J. Tysor and Eld. J. D. Hufham. Report adopted.

Elder H. A. Brown read report on Ministerial Education.

The subject was ably discussed by Prof. L. R. Mills and Elder J. D. Hufham; at the conclusion of remarks, pledges and cash collections were taken to the amount of $164.46. Report adopted.

Association took a recess of forty-five minutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called on again and resumed business.

Renewed invitation to visiting brethren: Bro. W. J. Tolar, from the Cape Fear Association, came forward and was cordially received.

Elder J. M. Beasley read report on Obituaries. Report received.

Bro. M. McK. Smith read report of Finance Committee. Adopted.

Bro. J. F. Byrne read report on Foreign Missions.

Remarks by Rrof. L. R. Mills, Elders J. M. Beasley, J. D. Hufham and Bro. W. H. Tomlinson, collection taken amounting to $10.17. Report adopted.

Bro. D. W. McGugan read report of Chairman of Executive Board. Received.

Bro. T. W. Devane read report of Committee on Standing Order of Business. Report adopted.

Resolved, That the next session of this Association be held with the church at Spring Branch, Sampson County, commencing Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1877. Elder H. A. Brown to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder J. M. Beasly, Alternate; Elder J. D. Hufham to preach the Missionary Sermon, Elder. E. D. Johnson, Alternate.

Corresponding Messengers called on to report:

Elder W. S. Melvin attended the Cape Fear and was cordially received. None else reported.

Treasurer's report called for. Read and adopted.

Agreed to have as many copies of the minutes printed as the funds in hand will justify.

Agreed to allow the Clerk $15.00 for his services.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be, and the same are, hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this vicinity for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during this session.

Proceedings of to-day read and approved.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next meeting.

Elder J. D. Hufham closed the session in remarks of deep feeling and pathos, and then led in prayer. Closing hymn: "Hail sweetest, dearest tie that binds;" during the singing of which adieus were taken, and at its conclusion, the benediction was pronounced.

ISHAM ROYAL, MODERATOR.
FRANCIS M. WILLIS, *Secretary.*

SUNDAY, Oct. 15th, 1876.

The weather was very unfavorable, nevertheless when the hour for preaching arrived, the rather small church was filled to overflowing, and a large number could not be accommodated with seats in the house.

Elder W. S. Melvin preached from the stand, and Elder J. D. Hufham addressed the congregation in the house, from Luke 7th chap., 34th verse.

At the conclusion of the services, a collection was taken up for State Missions, amounting to $12.29.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Reception of Corresponding Delegates and Visitors.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Appointment of Committees.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Report of Chairman of Executive Board.
8. Reports of other Committees.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Report of Finance Committee.
11. Location of Association.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Adjournment.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 1876.

The Board organised and held its first meeting on Friday evening, October 14th, 1875. Appointed Elder C. E. Beard to visit Sugg's Grove once in each month. Elder W. C. West was appointed to visit Blackman's School House once each month during the first quarter; also Maple Grove and Anderson's Creek. Elder W. M. Page was appointed to visit Pine Grove School House.

The next meeting was held with the church at Great Marsh on January 29th, 1876. The missionaries reported twenty-nine days' service, as follows: Elder Page four days, Elder Beard seven days, and Elder Wes eighteen days. The stations at Pine Grove School House and Sugg's Grove were discontinued. Elder E. D. Johnson was appointed to visit Bigg's Mill, Robeson County, once each month during the next quarter.

The next meeting was held with the church at Mount Pisgah on the 29th of April. The missionaries reported twenty-three days' service, as follows: Elder W. C, West seventeen days, and Elder E. D. Johnson six days. The same station and missionaries were continued, to-wit: Elder W. C. West at Maple and Blackman's School House, and Elder E. D. Johnson at Bigg's Mill, once each month.

The next meeting was held with the church at Beaverdam July 27th. Elder W. C. West reported seven days' service, which was all that was reported. Elder W. C. West was requested to visit Blackman's School House and Maple Grove till the next meeting of the Association.

The next and last meeting was held with the church at Mount Pisgah during the session of the Association, on Tuesday, October 13th. The missionaries reported fourteen days' service, as follows: Elder E. D. Johnson four days, Elder W. C. West eight days, and Elder J. M. Beasly two days' service.

The missionaries have labored in behalf of the Board seventy-three days in all. The result is: two new churches have been organized through the labors of the missionaries.

J. M. BEASLY, *Chairman.*

MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD FROM OCTOBER, 1876, TO OCTOBER, 1877.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERS.	CHURCHES.	MEMBERS.
Cape Fear.	J. T. Byrne,	Mount Pisgah,	C. D. Burke.
Cedar Creek,	Alex. Thaggard.	Baptist Chapel,	S. Page.
Concord,	D. J. Davis.	Spring Branch,	L. W. Strickland.
Magnolia,	Alex. Fisher.	Mount Elam,	W. H. McLamb.
Pine Grove,	W. A. Guy.	White Oak, (S)	A. C. Crumpler.
Fayetteville,	W. H. Tomlinson.	Salem,	Isham Royal.
Rockfish,	J. Musselwhite.	Pleasant Union,	J. Sessoms.
Beaver Creek,	M. Strickland.	Pine Greene,	J. Honeycutt.
Rocky Mount,	G. B. Newton.	Corinth,	J. O. Carter.
Manchester,	G. T. Kivett.	Smith's Chapel,	W. R. Carter.
Lilly's Grove,	M. F. Underwood.	Mt. Pleasant,	S. A Carter.
Judson,	W. H. Melvin.	Long Branch,	J. W. Autry.
Antioch,	A Bain.	Cypress Creek,	A. L. Smith.
Beaverdam,	H. Jones.	Brier Branch,	J. H. Tatum.
White Oak, (B)	D. B. Melvin.	Providence,	D. W. McGugan.
Shiloh,	Isaac McGhee.	Great Marsh,	W. S. Johnson.
White Lake,	J. R. Mulford.	Saddletree,	L. Humphrey.
Bladen Union,	Dan'l Register.	New Hope,	... .
Green Spring,	M. Cashwell.		

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

This is a subject about which much has been said, done and written. It is a work which we, as Missionary Baptists, profess to love. The work thus professedly loved would work better, far better, if it was made a little more practical. We, as a missionary body, have great reason to take courage and go forward. Every minister, deacon, clerk and layman should be the friend, the fast friend, the *practical* friend of Home Missions. We do need a more extended and general co-operation in this confessedly good work; we hope in the future to have it. Think of this matter, brethren, more seriously.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. BEASLY,
E. D. JOHNSON,
Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee appointed at the sitting of this body to report on Foreign Missions feel unable to do justice to a subject of so much importance. The field is so very large and so very inviting that we feel that written or printed reports alone must fail to accomplish the great object and end of that institution. And that in order to awaken a true sense of the obligation in the churches there must be practically presented to the minds of individuals the comparative situation of ourselves and the heathen, which can be done more effectually by the ministers in charge of the several churches of the Association, insisting that it is incumbent on them to contribute and then give them frequent opportunities to give of their substance. And thus let us again and again contemplate this great enterprise, that our souls may be filled with the vast conception that the world, in its broadest sense, is our field—its complete evangelization our object.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BRUNT,
JNO. T. BYRNE,

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

It is remarkable that for the last four years the deaths that have occurred among our members have been annually about one to every church, and about one to every one hundred members. The number, however, has been less the past year than any one year during the last four years, and none of our officers or leading members have been called to their reward, for which we should be very thankful.

But we do sorrowfully record the death of our brother, the Rev. P. C. Conolly, a member of the Cape Fear Association, who died with the harness on, and at his post many miles from home, and in the absence of any member of his bereaved and stricken family. His remains were, however, interred in the family graveyard at home. We mourn not as those who have no hope. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. BEASLY, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Acting under special instruction given November, 1874, by the N. C. Baptist State Convention, the Board of Education received sixteen poor young ministers last fall term. Elder Bailey, the agent, finding that his own hands were full to overflowing with his own work, tendered his resignation. The Board not knowing a suitable man for the agency desired him to continue. The agent was energetic and did as well as could have been done under the circumstances. But hard times came on and the brethren and and sisters forgot the poor young ministers at the College, and as a result the Board found itself heavily in debt last June. Eight young men were promptly dismissed. Those we now have are young men of unusual promise.

Shall they be sent home? Shall the Board dismiss them and say to all who apply for aid, We cannot help you? The members of the Board are the servants of the denomination, and can only expend the means sent up by the churches. The churches must answer the questions asked above.

The present indebtedness of the Board is about $600. Your committee would recommend that every pastor in this Association take up collections in all the churches, and forward the amounts as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. MILLS,
H. A. BROWN,
Committee.

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

Your committee beg leave, in the discharge of this duty, to offer a few remarks on the subject of Intemperance.

This subject has been agitated for many years, and has claimed the attention of some of the most gigantic minds; and we find many passages in the Scriptures which forbid the use of intoxicating spirits to excess. We have the record in the Holy Bible that no drunkard shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. And taking even a moral view of the subject, we are forced to the conclusion that the use of intoxicating liquors to excess brings great woe and misery on the human family.

Therefore, we, as professed followers of Christ, should raise our voices in defence of temperance in all things, and set an example to the world worthy of our calling. Respectfully submitted,

T. W. DEVANE,
D. W. McGUGAN,

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON S. S. INSTITUTES.

Your committee to organize Sabbath School Institutes within the bounds of this Association beg leave to submit the following:

We have organized S. S. Institutes at the following places, to-wit: Salem, Beaverdam, Mount Pisgah, Providence, Antioch, Manchester, Fayetteville and Cypress Creek.

The following subjects have been discussed:

1. Who ought to be members of the Sabbath School.
2. Ought the Sunday School to continue in all the churches the whole year.
3. Subject matter of Sunday Schools.
4. The obligations to engage in Sunday School work, and to strive after full and complete qualifications.

In some localities a new impetus has been given to the subject. An effort has been made to establish a school in every church.

There is a school in every church composing the Bladen Union.

Respectfully,

ISHAM ROYAL, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your committee is of opinion that it is needless to press this subject on this body. The command that they that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel is of itself evidence that the ministers of the Gospel should receive a liberal support from those who receive the benefit of their labors. And the laborer is worthy of his hire. Brethren, loosen the hands of your pastors and let them devote their whole time to the work to which the Lord has called them. Respectfully,

D. W. McGUGAN,
M. McK. SMITH,
Committee.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is needless at this day to insist on the importance of taking a good religious newspaper. The christian is not faithful to his household who does not give them the advantages and influence of this great agency for good. Nor is it easy to see how he can fully discharge his own duties as a follower of Jesus, or fill the place assigned him by God, without the religious newspaper. He is to labor and pray for the coming of God's Kingdom throughout the world, but he can do neither as he might do it unless he knows what the Lord is doing in the earth; and he cannot know this unless he reads his denominational newspaper.

We are glad that we can heartily commend our own organ, the *Biblical Recorder*, as an able and faithful exponent of our principles. The principal Editor, Rev. C. T. Bailey, is a man of talent and culture, a vigorous and independent thinker, a sprightly and incisive writer and a christian gentleman and minister whose praise is in all the churches. It is published in Raleigh, N. C., at the small price of $2.10 a year. This places it within the reach of almost every family in our churches, and it should find a place in every family.

We also heartily commend *Kind Words* to our Sunday Schools. It is published at Macon, Ga., monthly, semi-monthly and weekly, and no Sunday School is complete without it. Respectfully,

J. D. HUFHAM,
C. D. BURKE,
Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES	Minute Fund	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.
Cape Fear	$ 1 50	$ 1 25	$ 1 15	$.
Cedar Creek	2 50			
Concord	1 70			
Magnolia	1 75			
Pine Grove	2 00			
Fayetteville	5 00	10 00		5 00
Rockfish	30			
Beaver Creek	1 00			
Rocky Mount	50		3 25	
Manchester	1 50	5 00		
Lilly's Grove	1 00	5 00		
Judson	2 50		57	
Antioch	1 50			
Mount Pisgah	2 00		2 25	
Beaverdam	1 95			
New Hope	1 00			
Spring Branch	1 60			
Baptist Chapel	4 00		1 00	
Mount Elam	2 00			
White Oak, (S).	2 00			
Salem	2 50			
Pleasant Union	1 20			
Pine Green	2 00			
Corinth	1 00			
Smith's Chapel	1 00	2 14		
Long Branch	2 00			
Cypress Creek	1 10			
Brier Branch	2 00			
Shiloh	1 50	50		
White Oak, (B)	2 50	1 10	1 00	
Bladen Union	1 50			
Green Spring	2 50		3 00	
Providence	2 50	3 00	8 61	
Great Marsh	2 00		4 25	
Saddletree	2 00	3 50		
Mount Pleasant	2 25			
White Lake	3 25			
	$ 70 10	$ 31 50	$ 25 08	$ 5 00

M. McK. SMITH,
L. W. STRICKLAND, } Finance Committee.

Your committee have examined the above and find it correct.

J. F BYRNE,
J MUSSELWHITE, } Auditing Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Amount on hand October 17th, 1875, for Home Missions	$ 36 40
Received from Finance Committee, 1875, for Minute Fund	76 22
For Foreign Missions	36 77
For Education	8 15
For Sabbath Schools	3 50
For State Missions	1 00
Collection at Salem for State Missions	21 31
Received at Great Marsh January, 1876	21 09
Received at Mt. Pisgah, April 29th, 1876	37 85
Received at Beaverdam July 27th, 1876	29 62
Received at Association at Mt. Pisgah	34 63
	$ 315 54

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Paid over to Elder J. B. Richardson for Foreign Missions	$ 36 77	
For Education	8 15	
For Sunday Schools	3 50	
Paid for printing minutes	50 00	
Paid express on minutes	2 00	
Paid Elder West for services rendered H. M. Board	77 00	
Paid Elder Johnson	12 00	
Paid Elder Page	8 00	
Paid Elder Beard	20 00	
Paid Elder West at Association	16 00	
Paid Elder Johnson at Association	8 00	
Paid Elder Beasly at Association	4 00	
Paid Clerk's salary	25 00	
Paid Elder Richardson for State Missions	31 31	
		$ 301 73
Balance on hand October 14th, 1876		$ 13 81

D. W. McGUGAN, *Treasurer*.

Your committee have examined the above and find it correct.

Respectfully,

J. T. BYRNE,
J. MUSSELWHITE, } Auditing Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Expelled.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Colored	Total.	TIME OF MEETING
Cape Fear	3	3	1	2	..	.	31	74	..	105	3d Sabbath.
Cedar Creek	24	5	5	3	4	..	64	130	..	194	4th "
Concord	...	1	..	7	4	..	...	.....	..	115	1st "
Magnolia	2	..	1	1	2	..	....	...	..	79	
Lebanon	3	10	..	2	1	..	...	....	..	76	
Fayetteville	17	5	3	3	3	4	...	...	..	267	Every Sabbath.
Rockfish	...	1	1	3	..	1	7	27	..	34	4th "
Beaver Creek	7	..	..	...	1	..	...	.....	..	56	4th "
Rocky Mount	7	.	..	...	..	..	...	.....	.	27	4th "
Manchester	1	..	..	2	2	1	23	52	5	80	1st "
Lilly's Grove	...	11	..	11	..	..	27	28	..	65	3d "
Judson	15	10	..	2	..	..	36	45	..	81	1st "
Antioch	...	..	..	3	3	..	...	...	..	103	3d "
Beaverdam	7	1	2	20	1	3	35	71	..	106	2d "
Mount Pisgah	12	7	..	. .	..	2	30	35	..	65	4th "
Baptist Chapel	. .	4	..	1	.	3	61	107	..	168	2d "
Spring Branch	15	2	5	1	3	1	64	120	..	184	1st "
Mount Elam	...	1	..	...	1	1	27	38	..	65	3d "
White Oak, (S)	10	..	..	12	..	..	...	....	33	164	1st "
Salem	10	..	..	2	..	1	69	104	8	181	3d "
Pleasant Union	4	..	..	4	1	..	...	....	..	134	1st "
Pine Green	10	..	3	5	7	..	48	112	..	160	4th "
Corinth	2	1	..	...	..	2	11	23	..	39	2d "
Smith's Chapel	10	..	1	...	..	..	...	....	..	63	4th "
Mount Pleasant	23	3	..	...	1	1	22	27	4	49	2d "
Long Branch	...	7	..	...	..	1	24	32	..	46	2d "
Cypress Creek	...	..	..	6	1	..	24	47	..	71	
Brier Branch	4	..	..	1	2	1	...	....	..	118	3d "
White Oak, (B)	9	2	6	5	1	..	...	.....	..	127	4th "
Shiloh	21	1	..	6	3	3	23	44	..	67	3d "
White Lake	...	..	..	1	5	3	38	78	..	116	1st "
Bladen Union	...	3	..	2	1	..	24	57	..	81	
Green Spring	7	1	1	1	..	2	44	74	7	115	1st Sab. & day before.
Providence	2	1	..	...	2	2	26	42	..	68	1st and 2d Sabbath.
Great Marsh	.	7	1	...	3	..	42	53	3	98	3d Sab. & day before.
Saddletree	2	11	1	7	..	..	40	53	8	101	3d " " "
New Hope	...	..	..	...	..	..	4	13	..	17	1st " " "
	227	97	31	114	52	32	844	1251	57	3697	

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Male Teachers.	Female Teachers.	Pupils.	Volumes in Library	Papers taken
Cape Fear	Jas. Marsh	6	....	20	100	....
Cedar Creek	I. C. Melvin	5	....	51	....	....
Concord	....	....	....	....	....	....
Magnolia	R. F. Strickland	2	2	44	25	10
Lebanon	....	....	....	....	....	....
Fayetteville	W. H. Atkinson	8	7	137	200	....
Rockfish	....	....	....	....	....	....
Beaver Creek	....	....	....	....	....	....
Rocky Mount	....	....	....	....	....	....
Manchester	Z. T. Kivett	3	2	62	180	....
Lilly's Grove	E. Herring	3	2	60	....	....
Judson	R. Salmon	3	3	50	....	....
Antioch	....	3	3	46	....	....
Beaverdam	H. Jones	2	2	30	100	....
Mount Pisgah	Theo. Evans	4	4	84	143	....
Baptist Chapel	Jno. Culbreth	2	2	65	....	....
Spring Branch	J. C. Willeford	5	2	61	....	....
Mount Elam	W. H. McLamb	3	2	44	....	....
White Oak, (S)	....	....	....	....	....	....
Salem	A. J. Cooper	4	4	79	100	....
Pleasant Union	J. A. R. Howard	....	....	....	....	....
Pine Green	J. O. Tew	2	3	40	....	....
Corinth	....	....	....	....	....	....
Smith's Chapel	....	....	....	....	....	....
Mount Pleasant	J. Horn	1	2	25	....	....
Long Branch	....	3	3	40	....	....
Cypress Creek	M. McK. Smith	2	2	20	....	....
Brier Branch	....	2	2	....	....	....
White Oak, (B)	....	....	....	....	....	....
Shiloh	Isaac McGee	2	2	40	....	....
White Lake	....	....	....	....	....	....
Bladen Union	....	....	....	....	....	....
Green Spring	C. S. Cashwell	3	2	45	50	....
Providence	J. C. Ausly	3	....	20	250	....
Great Marsh	A. J. Watson	2	2	25	50	....
Saddletree	M. Humphry	2	1	38	....	....
New Hope	....	....	....	....	....	....

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PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, October 18th, 1877.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Beasley from Deut. 5th chapter, latter clause of 3d verse: "But to us, even us, who are all of us here, alive this day."

After an intermission of one hour, the congregation again assembled in the house, and the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Isham Royall, who proceeded to open the exercises by reading the 12th chap. Romans. The congregation joined in singing the 527th hymn: "What shall I render to my God." Prayer, Elder J. B. Hartwell leading.

The roll of Churches was now called and the following were absent: Cape Fear, Rocky Mount, New Hope, White Oak (S), and Smith's Creek.

There being a majority of the churches present the Association proceeded to business.

Appointed Brethren T. W. Devane and J. T. Alderman Reading Clerks.

Appointed Brethren W. H. Tomlinson and M. McK. Smith a committee on Finance.

The Church Letters were now called for and read, and the names of delegates enrolled as follows:

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Cape Fear.—M. Hair, A. L. Evans.
Cedar Creek.—I. C. Melvin, M. A. Sewell, D. L. Smith.
Concord (D).—W. B. Horne, J. T. Sterling.
Magnolia.—R. F. Strickland, L. Bryant.
Lebannon.—T. W. Devane, Eld. W. C. West, C. E. Beard.
Fayetteville.—W. H. Tomlinson.

Rockfish.—Jno. Musselwhite.
Beaver Creek.—M. Strickland.
Manchester.—Elder J. M. Beasley.
Lilly's Grove (D).—S. J. Guy.
Judson.—John Horne.
Antioch.—I. Strickland, H. L. Hall, S. Strickland.
Beaverdam.—M. Hall.
Mount Pisgah.—C. D. Burke, W. S. Fisher.
New Hope.—Not represented.

SAMPSON COUNTY.

Spring Branch (D .—Elder S. Williford, Jos. Haylor, W. H. Pope
Baptist Chapel (D)—Jno. Culbreth, S. C. Page, Jas Jackson.
Mount Elam (D).—W. H. McLamb, T. M. Jackson, J. Strickland.
White Oak (D).—R. D. Butler, W. J. Faircloth, W. R. Royal.
Salem (D).—I. Royall, A. J. Cooper, S. A. Howard.
Pleasant Union.—L. Faircloth.
Pine Green (D).—J. A. Beaman, O. Tew, M. Tew.
Corinth.—Daniel Carter, R. A. Carter.
Smith's Chapel.—Not represented.
Mount Pleasant.—J. Horne, Wm. Peterson.
Long Branch (D).—H. I. Hall, L. W. Autry.

BLADEN COUNTY.

Cypress Creek.—M. McK. Smith.
Brier Branch.—D. S. Tatum.
White Oak.—Eld. W. S. Melvin, F. P. Register, J. M. Cain.
Shiloh—H. Jones, W. J. Averitt.
White Lake.—G. F. Melvin, Robert Smith, F. M. Marshburne.
Bladen Union.—D. Register, F. M. Willis.

ROBESON COUNTY.

Green Spring.—J. G. Fisher, C. S. Cashwell, J. H. Cashwell.
Providence.—D. W. McGugan.
Great Marsh.—Elder E. D. Johnson, W. S. Johnson, A. Odum.
Saddle Tree.—R. B. Humphrey.

The terms of the present officers having expired, the Association went into an election for Moderator.

Appointed Brethren I. McGhee and I. C. Melvin tellers.

Bro. I. Royall, the present Moderator, having declined to be re-elected, Elder J. M. Beasley was chosen Moderator for the ensuing term.

The Association next proceeded to the election of a Clerk and Treasurer for the ensuing term.

Appointed Brethren H. L. Hall and C. S. Cashwell tellers.

Bro. D. W. McGugan was elected Clerk and Treasurer, but immediately tendered his resignation, which was accepted by the Association, and F. M. Willis elected in his stead.

Extended an invitation to Corresponding and Visiting Brethren to take seats with us: Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Missionary, reported himself as a member of the Baptist Church at Tung Chow, China, and Agent for the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; he was cordially received and welcomed to a seat. Also, Bro. L. T. West, Corresponding Messenger from the Little River Association.

Appointed the Pastor and Deacons of Spring Branch Church, with Bro. W. H. Tomlinson and Elder A. B. Alderman, a Committee on Religious Exercises during this session.

Appointed the male members of Spring Branch a Committee of Vigilance.

An opportunity was here given to churches who desired to unite with us, to present their letters. None offered.

On motion, the Chairman appointed the following Committees, to report this session:

On Domestic Missions.—Brethren H. L. Hall and C. S. Cashwell.
On Periodicals.—Brethren M. McK. Smith and C. D. Burke.
On Foreign Missions.—Brethren D. W. McGugan and W. H. Tomlinson.
On Ministerial Support.—Brethren T. W. Devane and F. M. Willis.
On Sabbath Schools.—Brethren I. McGhee and J. T. Alderman.
On Ministerial Education.—Elder A. B. Alderman and Bro. I. Royal.
On Obituaries.—Elder J. M. Beasley and Bro. F. M. Willis.
On Intemperance.—Elds. E. D. Johnson and W. S. Melvin.

On motion, adjourned to to-morrow 10 o'clock. Benediction by the Moderator.

FRIDAY, October 19th.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read a part of the 15th chapter of John. The congregation joined in singing the 815th hymn: "How can I sink with such a prop." Prayer, Elder E. D. Johnson leading.

Churches absent on yesterday presented their letters, which were read, and the names of delegates enrolled.

Roll of delegates called.

Minutes of yesterday read—stood approved.

Bro. Royal read report of committee on Sabbath School Institutes. Remarks by Brethren Royal, Smith, West, Hartwell, W. S. Fisher, Tomlinson, J. G. Fisher, and the Moderator. The report was unanimously adopted and ordered to be appended to the minutes. (See appendix.)

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association appoint a Sunday School Board, consisting of one member from each church, and shall require said Board to hold its meetings in connection with the Executive Board of this Association.

The following churches petitioned for letters of dismission to assist in forming a new Association, to-wit: Concord, Lilly's Grove, Spring Branch, Baptist Chapel, Mount Elam, White Oak (S), Salem, Pine Green and Long Branch.

On motion, letters are granted to the churches so petitioning.

Appointed Executive Board for ensuing year. (See Appendix.)

On motion the chair appointed the following committees:

Auditing Committee.—Elders E. D. Johnson and I. McGhee.

To Appoint Corresponding Messengers.—Brethren D. W. McGugan and I. Royal.

To Appoint Delegates to the Baptist State Convention.—Elders E. D. Johnson, J. M. Beasley and W. S. Melvin.

Bro. Royal, from the Committee to Nominate Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations, read the following appointments, which were approved by the Association :

To the Eastern.—Elders E. D. Johnson and I. McGhee.

To the Raleigh.—Elder J. M. Beasley and Bro. W. H. Tomlinson.

To the Cape Fear.—Elders E. D. Johnson and W. S. Melvin.

To the Sandy Creek.—Elder J. M. Beasley and Bro. J. F. Marsh.

To the Little River.—Elders J. M. Beasley W. C. West and Bro. D. Kivett.

Corresponding Messengers, appointed at last session, called on to report:

Brethren Johnson, Melvin and Register reported that they had attended the last session of the Cape Fear and were cordially received.

Brethren Beasley and Alderman attended the Little River, were cordially received, and had a pleasant and profitable session.

Renewed the invitation to visiting brethren to take seats with us: Prof. L. R. Mills, of Wake Forest College, and Agent for the Board of Education, presented himself and was cordially welcomed to a seat.

The Association now took a recess of one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resumed business.

Renewed the invitation to Corresponding Messengers: Elder H. J. Duncan and Bro. G. W. Highsmith, Corresponding Messengers from the Eastern Association, were welcomed to seats.

The Association here gave way for a meeting of the Executive Board.

Resumed business.

Bro. Royal read report on Ministerial Education.

Pending a motion for its adoption, able and appropriate remarks were made by Profs. Mills and Royal, at the conclusion of which pledges and cash collections were taken to the amount of $40.27. The report was adopted.

Bro. Smith read report of Finance Committee.

On motion, the same is received and ordered to be appended.

On motion, agreed that the report on Foreign Missions be made the Special Order for 11 o'clock to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned to 9½ o'clock Saturday morning.

Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY, October 20th.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read 1st Psalm. Hymn, "Am I a soldier of the cross." Prayer, Bro. I. McGhee leading.

Minutes of yesterday read and ratified.

Rules of Order read.

Roll of delegates called and corrected.

The Moderator, from committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention, read the following appointments, which were ratified by the Association, to-wit:

Brethren D. W. McGugan, W. H. Tomlinson, L. W. Strickland, Elder J. M. Beasley, I. McGhee, Nathan J. McDuffie, E. D. Johnson, W. S. Melvin, J. G. Fisher and W. C. West.

Bro. Hall read report on Home Missions. Pending a motion for its adoption remarks were made by Brethren Royal, Dr. Hartwell, Prof. Mills and I. McGhee. The report was adopted.

Resolved, That the next session of this body be held with the church at White Lake, Bladen county, N. C., commencing on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1878. Elder W. C. West to preach the Introductory, and Elder J. M. Beasley to preach the Charity Sermon on Sabbath.

Report on Periodicals read. Remarks by Brethren Royal, Tomlinson, Hartwell and Smith. Adopted.

The hour for the Special Order having arrived, the report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. McGugan.

On motion, the Association repaired to the stand to further consider the subject.

After the congregation had gathered at the stand, Dr. Hartwell read the report again, and then proceeded to discuss the subject in an able, forcible and feeling manner. At the conclusion of his remarks, a collection was taken amounting to $25.08. After remarks by Bro. Royal, the report was adopted.

Recess of half an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resumed business.

Bro. Johnson read report on Intemperance. Adopted.

Treasurer of Association reported. Report received.

Treasurer of Domestic Mission Board reported. Report received.

Report on Ministerial Support read.

Remarks by Prof. Mills and Elder A. B. Alderman.

Report adopted.

Report on Obituaries read. Received.

Agreed to allow the Clerk $25.00 for his services.

Ordered that we have as many Minutes printed as the funds in hand will justify.

Agreed that the collection on to-morrow be equally divided between the causes of Foreign Missions and Education.

Bro. J. T. Alderman read report on Sabbath Schools.

Remarks by Brethren Royal, Tomlinson and Elder A. B. Alderman. Adopted.

Report of Chairman of Executive Board read.

Remarks by Elder West. Adopted.

Resolved, That we tender our heartiest thanks to the brethren and sisters and friends of this community, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during this session.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next session.

Prof. L. R. Mills closed the session in a few earnest and appropriate remarks.

Hymn: "Am I a soldier of the Cross." During the singing of which, the brethren bade each other an affectionate adieu. Prayer, Bro. Mills leading.

Benediction by the Moderator.

J. M. BEASLEY, MODERATOR.

FRANCIS M. WILLIS, *Clerk*.

SUNDAY, October 21st, 1877.

A large congregation assembled at the stand at the hour appointed, and listened with marked attention to a most able and earnest sermon by Dr. Hartwell, from the text: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts," Zech. 4th chap., 6th verse, latter clause.

At the conclusion of the services, a collection was made amounting to $9.75 for Foreign Missions and Education.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTES.

Your committee were prevented from holding a meeting in December by the inclemency of the weather, and did not organize as many Sunday School Institutes as they contemplated, but are glad to announce that several Institutes were held in different parts of the Association. We did not receive reports from all the conductors, but we are glad to be able to state that there is an increased interest in this department of christian work. There is much yet remaining to be done. Let us continue our efforts until there is a Sabbath School in every church and neighborhood continuing all the year. All the churches in the Bladen Union report Sunday Schools, with an increased interest.

Respectfully Submitted,

ISHAM ROYAL, *Ch'm'n Committee.*

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the members of the Board were unable to meet on the last of December, 1876; yet some two or three of the members were present and authorized Elder W. C. West to occupy a station on the West side of Cape Fear river, known since as Cedar Falls.

The first regular meeting was held at Lebannon on the 28th April, 1877. Elder W. C. West was requested to visit Cedar Falls station, and Elder R. Newton to visit Dr. Leslie's (in Cumberland county on or near Little River) monthly.

Our next meeting was held with the church at Bladen Union, on the 28th July, 1877. The reports of the Missionaries at that time were not very encouraging, yet they were requested to continue in the field. Elder R. Newton declined to occupy the station he formerly occupied. Bro. Jos. G. Fisher was requested to visit Parker's School House in Robeson county, and Rockfish Church, monthly. The reports of the Missionaries are not without fruit. There was received for Baptism at Cedar Falls Station two, at Rockfish five

The Missionaries have been in the employ of the Board thirty-seven days during the past year, as follows: Elder W. C. West seventeen days, Bro. Fisher sixteen days, Elder R. Newton four days

We have not as encouraging a report as we have presented to this body heretofore, yet we should not cease to labor in this cause, for there are many destitute sections on our borders.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M BEASLEY, *Ch'm'n Ex. Board.*

MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD FROM OCTOBER, 1877, TO OCTOBER, 1878.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERS.	CHURCHES.	MEMBERS.
Cape Fear,	J. F. Byrne.	White Lake,	G. W. Thomas.
Cedar Creek,	Alex. Thaggard.	Bladen Union,	D. Register.
~~Magnolia,~~	W. A. Melvin.	Green Spring,	M. Cashwell.
Lebannon,	W. A. Guy.	Mount Pisgah,	C. D. Burke.
Fayetteville,	W H Tomlinson.	Pleasant Union,	J. Sessoms.
Rockfish,	Jno. Musselwhite.	Corinth,	D. Carter.
~~Beaver Creek,~~	M. Strickland.	Smith's Chapel,	W. R. Carter.
Rocky Mount,	Z. B. Newton.	Mount Pleasant,	J. Horne.
Manchester,	Z. T. Kivett.	Cypress Creek,	A. L. Smith.
Judson,	W. H. Melvin.	Brier Branch,	J. H. Tatum.
Antioch,	A. Bain.	Providence,	D. W. McGugan.
Beaverdam,	S. Vincent.	Great Marsh,	W. S. Johnson.
White Oak,	D. B. Melvin.	Saddle Tree,	L. Humphrey.
Shiloh,	W. H. Butler.	New Hope,	H. Wood.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee are glad to learn that there are about fifteen young men at Wake Forest College preparing for the ministry, about ten of whom are beneficiaries. These young men are striving to prepare themselves to more effectually preach the unsearchable riches of Christ.

The Board of Education is doing all that it can to aid them, and send them out as workmen well approved—but the Board can do but little without the co-operation of the churches. Shall we help them? or, shall we say to the Board, Send those young men home?

Your Committee considers this a subject of great importance, and one that demands our immediate attention.

We recommend that the Association adopt some plan not only to aid these brethren, but to open the way for others. We offer the following:

Resolved, That a collection be taken up now for this object, and that the pastors be requested to bring the subject before their churches during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. ALDERMAN,
I. ROYAL,
Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Nearly nineteen hundred years ago, the blessed Lord said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." That injunction has in part been fulfilled, and yet much remains to be done. Much has been done in the cause of Missions within our own bounds, and yet many are languishing for the "Word of Life." We, as an Association, should continue to cultivate the spirit of Missions, as exemplified in the word of the great head of the church—in the Apostles and enlightened christians of all ages—by earnest prayer, by cordial sympathy, and by voluntary contributions to the full extent of our ability.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. CASHWELL,
H. L. HALL,
Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions, upon an investigation of the facts as to the apathy existing in the Association in regard to Foreign Missions, are profoundly mortified and humiliated before God. We are sure there has been a guilty neglect on the part of our churches to contribute and to pray for Foreign Missions, and on the part of the ministry to preach on the subject and teach the churches their duty. At our last Association we deliberately adopted a report in which we virtually resolved that our ministers should insist that it is incumbent upon the churches to contribute, and then give them frequent opportunities to give of their substance for this object. Brethren, how many of our ministers have fulfilled that solemn resolution which, passed as an act in the service of God, was of the nature of a solemn promise to Almighty God? And how many churches have responded to the call of their pastors for funds to support the gospel among the heathen? The letters sent up by the churches tell a sad story of our guilty failure. Out of thirty-seven churches, excepting the two recently visited by our Missionary, Dr. Hartwell, only seven churches have done anything at all, and the pastors of three of these are ministers from other Associations, while two of our ministers serve the other four. Thus, only two of our ministering brethren seem to have complied with the resolution! And more than three thousand of the membership of this Association have not given one cent to the work of sending the gospel to the heathen! Yet we call ourselves Missionary Baptists! Yet we profess to love the Lord Jesus, and to have consecrated ourselves wholly to his service. Whither has the spirit of the early churches fled? Has that spirit completely left us? Jesus left it as his last command to his people, that they should christianize the heathen; and it becomes us to either renounce our allegiance to him, or to arouse ourselves to a new diligence in this service.

The Southern Baptist Convention, with which we are identified, has Missionaries in Foreign lands as follows:

Rev. M. T. Yates, D. D., Mrs. E. M. Yates and Rev. Wong Ping Sau, at Shanghai, China.

Rev. R. H. Graves, M. D., Mrs. J. W. Graves, Miss Lula Whilden and two ordained native preachers, at Canton, China.

Rev. T. P. Crawford, Mrs. M. F. Crawford, Mrs. S. J. Holmes, and a native pastor, at Tung Chow, China.

Rev. Geo. B. Taylor, D. D., Mrs. G. B. Taylor, Rev. Signor Cordova and several ordained natives, at Rome and other cities of Italy.

Rev. —. David, at Ogbomashan, Africa.

Rev. —. Colley, at Lagos, Africa.

Now in this country, but belonging in China: Rev. E. G. and Mrs. Simmons, Kossuth, Miss.; Rev. M. B. and Mrs. Williams, Montgomery, Ala.; Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., and wife, Thomasville, N. C.; Misses L. & E. Moon, Carter's Bridge, Va.

These brethren and sisters we have sent to foreign lands, and we have pledged them that we will extend to them our sympathy and our support. Brethren, let us be true to our brethren and sisters who have buried themselves in the darkness of heathen lands. To effect this, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved 1, That this Association recognizes the duty of every christian to give systematically for the extension of the gospel among the heathen, and that we urge every church in our bounds to appoint a committee of earnest brethren and sisters, whose duty it shall be to call upon every member of the church and earnestly endeavor to induce each one to give at least a small amount regularly to this object.

Resolved 2, That this Association appoint one member in each church to represent her in the matter, and to bring the matter before the next church conference, and that the church be requested to report in their letters next year the degree of success attained.

Resolved 3, That we again plead with our ministers to preach and pray on the subject, and teach the people fully their duty in this regard.

Resolved 4, That we will endeavor to extend the circulation of the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published by the Southern Baptist Convention, that our people may keep themselved informed as to the operations of our Missionaries.

D. W. McGUGAN,
W. H. TOMLINSON,
Committee.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your Committee on Ministerial Support beg leave to submit, that while we believe that there is a desire on the part of some of our churches to give their pastors a better support than they have formerly done, yet we feel that nearly or quite all of our churches are sadly remiss in this important and plainly Bible-enjoined duty. Few, if any, of our ministers are receiving what can be regarded as an adequate support, or what the churches might reasonably be expected to pay them. Brethren, this should not be so. Pay your pastors *more*, and enable them to give more time to their calling. *We* are as plainly required to give them a necessary support from the means with which God blesses us, as *they* are to preach for us.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. DEVANE,
F. M. WILLIS,
Committee.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

The report on this subject last year speaks of there being, for the last four years, about one death to every church, and one death to every one one hundred members. Our membership has been increasing each succeeding year; the deaths among us, however, seem not to increase. For the last five years the number of deaths among us have ranged from thirty-three to thirty-five. Thirty-five have died this year. None of our active male or female members have died this year. We have great cause for thankfulness to God in this particular. Nearly four thousand members, and only about thirty-five deaths the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. BEASLEY,
F. M. WILLIS.

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following:

We believe intemperance to be one of the greatest evils that we have to contend with in the churches, and we think that the Bible teaches us to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, for we are required to abstain from every appearance of evil. And again, we are to "let our light so shine before men, that they, seeing our good works, may glorify our Father in Heaven." And brethren, we ought to deny ourselves of all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and live soberly and godly in this world.

Now, brethren, let us as christians set an example before the world, that they may be lead to Christ by our good works.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. JOHNSON.
W. S. MELVIN,
Committee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The noble work commenced by the Little Leader system is swelling its sway far beyond the most sanguine expectations of its authors. Remembering that it originated in the brain of a student, while poring over his books within the time-honored walls of Wake Forest College at the dead hour of midnight, and started in weakness, we would naturally expect it dwindle away and perish. But seeing what it has accomplished we are constrained to believe that "a little child shall lead them." One Sunday School in our midst raised in one month eight dollars, another sixteen—and they were at churches that had formerly given but little or nothing for benevolent objects. The Sunday School should be taught to be a Missionary School. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." The destiny of a child depends on the training and example of its parents or teachers. Feed his lambs carefully.

Respectfully,
J. T. ALDERMAN,
I. McGHEE,
Committee.

MEMBERS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERS.	CHURCHES.	MEMBERS.
Cape Fear,.......	Jas. Marsh.	Corinth,.........	D. Carter.
Cedar Creek,.. ...	F. S. Averitt,	Mount Pleasant,..	Jno. Horne.
Magnolia,.......	R. F. Strickland.	Smith's Chapel,..	S. Carter.
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Pleasant Union,..	J. Sessoms.	~~New Hope~~,......	H. Wood.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We deem it unnecessary to say anything about encouraging our christian brethren to take a good religious newspaper. The follower of Christ is, we think, entirely out of his duty to household who does not give them the advantages of this agency for good, and we cannot see how he can discharge his duty as a follower of Jesus or serve God as he should without the religious newspaper. He should labor and pray for the coming of the glorious Kingdom of Christ throughout the world, but we believe he can do neither as he should do it, without knowing what the God of Heaven is doing in the earth, and this he can learn from the religious newspaper at less expense and in a more comprehensible form than from any other source.

We recommend the *Biblical Recorder*, published at Raleigh, N. C., as a faithful exponent of our principles. The Editor, Rev. C. T. Bailey, is an independent thinker, and a man of excellent talent and undisputed christianity. We also recommend for our Sunday Schools, *Kind Words*, published at Macon, Ga.; and the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., monthly. From this *Journal* we have all the news of interest from our foreign fields, letters from our Missionaries, &c. No true *Missionary Baptist* can afford to be without it.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. BURKE,
M. McK. SMITH,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1876		DR.		
		To amount received from Finance Committee at Mt. Pisgah:		
Oct.	14	For Foreign Missions,		$ 31 50
		For Home Missions,		25 08
		For Education,		5 00
		For Minute Fund,		70 10
		For collection on Sabbath,		12 29
				$ 143 97
1876		CR.		
Oct.	14	Paid over to Eld. Hufham for Foreign Missions,	$ 31 50	
		Paid over to Eld. Hufham for State Missions,..	12 29	
		Paid over to D. W. McGugan for Home Missions	25 08	
		Paid over to Prof. Mills for Education,	5 00	
		Paid for Printing Minutes	50 00	
		Paid Express charges on same,	50	
		Paid Clerk's salary,	15 00	
		Balance on hand, Oct. 1st, 1877,	4 60	
				$ 143 97

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WILLIS, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TREASURER HOME MISSION BOARD.

1876–'77.		Dr.		
Oct'b'r 1		Balance in hand,		$ 13 81
14		Received of Treasurer of Association,		28 59
April 28		White Oak (S) church,		5 60
	Meeting of Board at Lebannon.	Salem church,		3 25
		Spring Branch church,		1 00
		Cape Fear church,		1 35
		Mount Pisgah church,		1 00
		Baptist Chapel church,		1 75
		Mount Elam church,		2 25
July 28	Meeting of Board at Bladen Union.	Salem church,		1 15
		Manchester church,		1 00
		Bladen Union church,		2 00
		Lebannon church,		2 50
		Spring Branch church,		3 50
		Rocky Mount church,		1 00
		Cape Fear church,		1 00
		Sabbath Collection at Bladen Union,		4 70
Oct. 19		Bladen Union church,		3 00
		Antioch church,		1 00
		C. D. Burke,		1 00
		Mount Pisgah church,		1 00
		Rockfish, per J. G. Fisher,		2 25
		Brier Branch church,		3 00
		Rockfish church, per J. Musselwhite,		1 00
		Great Marsh church,		6 15
		Troy Fisher,		5 00
		J. G. Fisher,		5 00
				$ 103 85
1876–'77		Cr.		
October.		Paid to Eld. W. C. West,	$ 9 50	
		Paid to Eld. West, at Bladen Union,	8 00	
		Paid to Elder R. Newton, at Bladen Union,	8 00	
		Paid to Elder West, at Association,	15 50	
		Paid to J. G. Fisher,	27 00	
		To balance on hand, October 1877,	35 85	
				$ 103 85

D. W. McGUGAN, *Treas. D. M. Board.*

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your Committee have examined the Reports of the Finance Committee, of the Treasurer of the Association, and of the Treasurer of the Domestic Mission Board, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. JOHNSON,
I. McGHEE,
Committee.

PASTORS AND CLERKS, WITH THEIR POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE
Cape Fear,	D. K. Bennett,	Lumberton.	A. L. Evans,	Fayetteville.
Cedar Creek,	W. S. Melvin,	Harrison Creek.	F. S. Averitt,	Cedar Creek.
Magnolia,	S. Williford.	Giles' Mills.	J. H. Averitt,	
Lebaunon.	J. M. Beasley,	Fayetteville,	Chas. T. Guy,	Fayetteville.
Fayetteville,	F. W. Eason,	" "	I. Hollingsworth,	" "
Rockfish,			J. Musselwhite,	Hope Mills.
Beaver Creek,	W. C. West,		Mat. Morgan,	" "
Rocky Mount,	R. Newton,		D. N. Newton,	
Manchester,	J. M. Beasley,	Fayetteville,	D. Kivett,	Manchester.
Judson,			L. D. Sessoms,	
Antioch,	S. Williford,	Giles' Mills,	I. Strickland,	Kyles' Landing.
Beaverdam,	E. D. Johnson,	St. Paul's,	I. Melvin,	Clay Fork.
White Oak,	W. S. Melvin,	White Oak,	D. B. Melvin,	White Oak.
Shiloh.	F. Prevatt,	Lumberton.	W. B. Baker,	Willis' Creek.
White Lake,	C. C. Newton,	Herringsville,	W. H. Russ,	Little Sugarloaf.
Bladen Union,	D. K. Bennett,	Lumberton.	F. M. Willis,	Tolarsville.
Green Spring,	E. D. Johnson,	"	M. Cashwell,	Roslin.
Mount Pisgah,	J. M. Beasley,	Fayetteville,	W. S. Fisher,	Fayetteville.
Pleasant Union,	E. D. Johnson.	Lumberton.	Jno. Fisher,	
Corinth,	L. Bryan,	Cypress Creek,	J. O. Carter,	Warrensville.
Smith's Chapel,				
Mount Pleasant,	W. S. Melvin,	White Oak,	John Horne,	Clay Fork.
Cypress Creek.			M. McK. Smith.	
Brier Branch,	W. S. Melvin.	White Oak,		
Providence,	John Monroe.	Laurel Hill,	D. W. McGugan,	Dundarrack.
Great Marsh,	E. D. Johnson,	St. Paul's,	A. Odum,	St. Paul's.
Saddle Tree,	" "	"	S. R. Davis.	Lumberton.
New Hope,				

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS	No. of Teachers.	No. of Pupils.	Total.	Volumes in Library.	No. of Papers.
Cape Fear,	Jas. Marsh,	8	40	48	100	....
Cedar Creek,	F. S. Averitt	5	64	69	....	....
Magnolia,	B. F. Strickland,	5	42	47	25	10
Fayetteville,	W. H. Tomlinson,	23	102	125	250	...
Lebannon,	R. J. Harrison,	8	52	60	66	...
Manchester,	Z T. Kivett	5	62	67	180	....
Lilly's ~~Grove~~,	E. S. Herring,	4	62	66	....	...
Beaverdam	M. H. Bullard,	2	25	27	100	....
Mount Pisgah,	Theo. Evans,	8	55	63	200	20*
Baptist Chapel,	Jno. Culbreth,	5	57	62	.....	...
Spring Branch	J. C. Williford,	7	52	59	. .	....
Mount Elam,	W. H. McLamb,	4	50	54	...	...
Salem,	.. ..	8	109	117	75	. ..
Mount Pleasant,	Jos. Rogers,	3	30	33	...	...
Long Branch,	J. W. Autry,	5	...	....	....	...
Pleasant Union,	J. A. R. Howard.	6	44	50	....	....

None other reported.
*Kind Words.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE AND OTHER STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	FINANCIAL STATEMENT.				CHURCH STATISTICS.						AGGREGATE			TIME OF MEETING.
	Minute Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total	
Cape Fear,..........	$ 1 00	$ 85	$ 1 60	$.....	...	1	....	1	2	1	31	75	105	3d Sabbath & day before
Cedar Creek, ...	2 50	....	....	......	23	3	7	5	5	2	72	145	217	1st “ “ “
Concord, (D)........	2 00	.. ...	....	....	12	..	6	4	6	1	36	85	121	
Magnolia.......	1 65	....	.....	.. .	....	....	1	....	1	1	21	52	73	
Fayetteville,.........	5 00	5 00	.....	5 00	....	...	1	7	1	3	..	...	257	
Lebannon,....	2 00	....	. .....	......	6	6	1	1	....	1	35	47	82	2d Sabbath & day before.
Rockfish,...........	30	....	..... .	......	5	....	....	....	2	....	7	33	40	
Beaver Creek,... ...	1 50	......	. ...	.....	....	...	....	2	3	3	10	38	48	4th Sabbath & day before.
Manchester,.........	2 00	....	......	......	...	..	....	....	. .	1	23	51	74	1st “ “ “
Lilly's Grove, (D)....	1 50	....	. .....	......	2	3	...	1	2	1	20	24	44	3d “ “ “
Judson,............	1 50	....	....	... ..	....	....	....	1	2	.. .	34	44	78	
Antioch,............	1 50	2 02	....	......	20	...	1	1	2	2	...	....	118	
Beaverdam,...	1 15	....	....	......	2	2	3	5	5	1	25	69	94	4th Sabbath & day before.
Mount Pisgah,.. ..	2 00	......	....	......	8	1	....	....	.. .	...	35	39	74	4th “ “ “
Spring Branch, (D)..	3 25	..... .	....	... ..	...	1	....	2	4	1	61	118	179	1st “ “ “
Baptist Chapel, (D)..	*2 00	....	....	......	12	....	2	1	1	3	69	111	180	2d “ “ “
Mount Elam, (D) ..	1 00	....	....	......	7	2	1	1	2	..	34	43	77	
Salem, (D)	2 00	....	....	......	4	....	....	2	1	. ..	66	107	173	3d Sabbath & day before.
Mount Pleasant,.....	1 50	....	... ...	......	1	7	....	....	2	...	23	34	57	2d “ “ “
Long Branch, (D)....	1 50	....	....	......	26	5	....	...	....	. ..	44	43	87	2d “ “ “
Cypress Creek,......	1 50	... ...	.....	......	18	....	2	4	...	1	33	50	83	2d “ “ “
Brier Branch,... ...	2 20	2 00	....	......	7	....	2	1	4	3	41	80	121	3d “ “ “

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE AND OTHER STATISTICS.—Continued.

CHURCHES.	FINANCIAL STATEMENT.				CHURCH STATISTICS.						AGGREGATE			TIME OF MEETING.
	Minute Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
White Oak, (B.).....	$ 2 00	$ 4 25	$ 1 00	$....	7	....	....	2	......	1	53	87	140	4th Sabbath & day before.
Shiloh,.........	1 50	7 35	6 00	......	..	2	1	....	2	1	24	45	69	2d " " "
White Lake,........	2 10	1 10	1 15	......	17	1	2	...	2	...	44	89	133	1st " " "
Bladen Union,.....	1 50	1 75	1 75	.....	......	3	5	...	1	1	25	62	87	4th " " "
Green Spring,... .	2 50	3 10	3 10	... ..	1	1	...	3	3	1	41	70	111	
Providence,... : ..	2 90	4 50	12 40	......	...	....	...	2	2	3	24	39	63	2d Sabbath.
Great Marsh,........	2 00	......	4 10	.....	9	3	3	....	1	2	51	57	108	3d Sabbath & day before.
Saddle Tree, ...	2 00	9 20	....	......	8	1	4	3	....	1	48	61	109	3d " " "
Rocky Mount,... ...	70	... .	7 00	1 00	3	..	....	3	...	....	..	....	28	4th " " "
Pine Green, (D).. ...	1 75	....	......	.....	5	1	4	10	12	2	....	....	142	4th " " "
Corinth, ...	1 00	....	.....	......	....	....	....	...	....	...	11	28	39	1st " " "
Pleasant Union,.....	1 00	.. ...	... ...	......	..	....	....	......	2	....	....	....	132	4th " " "
White Oak. (D)....	2 00	......	. ....	.. ..	....	....	. .	. . .	1	.	40	74	114	1st " " "
	$ 63 30	$ 39 12	$ 40 00	$ 6 00	203	12	46	23	71	37			3657	

(D) Churches marked thus were dismissed by letter at this session to form a new Association.

* Baptist Chapel Church and congregation raised in cash $17.65, and about 17.00 in pledges, to be paid to Bro. Dodson for Home and Indian Missions. Also the Little Leaders raised $20.00, which they will dispose of. Other churches also raised more than amounts reported in the table, but did not report the amounts to the Secretary.

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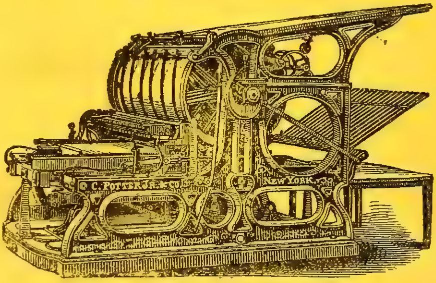

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OF THE

Twenty-First Annual Session

OF THE

CEDAR CREEK
Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

White Lake, Bladen County, N. C.,

October 17-21, 1878.

ELD. J. M. BEASLEY, Moderator,........Fayetteville, N. C.
FRANCIS M. WILLIS, Secretary,........Fayetteville, N. C.

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Cedar Creek,	D. L. Smith.	Shiloh,	W. H. Butler.
Lebanon,	W. A. Guy.	White Lake,	W. J. Sutton.
Fayetteville,	W. H. Tomlinson.	Bladen Union,	Daniel Register.
Rockfish,	J. Musselwhite.	Green Spring,	M. Cashwell.
Manchester,	J. M. Beasley.	Rocky Mount,	D. R. Mints.
Judson,	J. Horne.	Providence,	D. W. McGugan.
Antioch	A. Bain.	Great Marsh,	W. S. Johnson.
Mt. Pisgah,	M. Hall.	Saddletree,	L. Humphrey.
Beaverdam,	D. S. Bullard.	Sharon,	W. F. Beard.
Corinth,	D. Carter.	Cumberland Un'n,	W. H. McDonald.
Smith's Chapel,	W. R. Carter.	Mt. Tabor,	C. D. Nixon.
Mt. Pleasant,	J. Horne.	Cedar Falls,	T. Taylor.
Cypress Creek,	M. McK. Smith.	Suggs' Grove,	P. Melvin.
Brier Branch,	J. H. Tatum.		

PROCEEDINGS.

White Lake Church, Bladen County, N. C.,
Saturday, October 17, 1878.

The Cedar Creek Baptist Association met according to adjournment at last session.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. C. West, from Luke 18th chapter, latter clause of 13th verse: "God be merciful to me a sinner." The services commenced at 11 o'clock.

After an interval of forty-five minutes, the congregation re-assembled, and the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. M. Beasley, who opened the exercises by reading a portion of the 15th chapter of John, after which Bro. John F. Byrne led in prayer.

The roll of Churches was called, and a quorum being present, the Association regularly proceeded.

Appointed Bro. W. J. Sutton and Elder C. S. Cashwell Reading Clerks; also, appointed Brethren J. F. Byrne and M. McK. Smith a committee on Finance.

The Church Letters were then called for and read, and the names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Cape Fear.—John F. Byrne, Jas. Thames.
Cedar Creek.—Dan'l L. Smith, D. T. Averett, J. R. Thaggard.
Lebanon.—Elder W. C. West, W. A. Guy.
Fayetteville.—Represented by letter.
Rockfish.—Represented by letter.
Rocky Mount.—Elder R. Newton.
Manchester.—Elder J. M. Beasly, R. T. Brooks.
Judson.—W. F. Sessoms.
Antioch.—H. Williams, W. P. Pope.
Beaverdam.—T. J. Smith.
Mount Pisgah.—C. D. Burke; W. L. Hunlan, L. R. Hall.
Corinth.—S. Carter.
Smith's Chapel.—W. R. Carter, R. Cain, C. Burdeau.
Mount Pleasant.—W. Peterson, W. B. Owen, J. G. Melvin.
Cypress Creek.—E. Rich, H. L. Peterson, M. McK. Smith.
Brier Branch.—J. H. Tatum, E. J. Cain.
White Oak.—D. B. Melvin, O. Register.
Shiloh.—W. B. Baker.
White Lake.—G. W. Thomas, M. Peterson, W. H. Russ.
Bladen Union.—D. Register, F. M. Willis.
Green Spring.—C. S. Cashwell, J. G. Fisher, M. Cashwell.

Providence.—D. W. McGugan.
Great Marsh.—Elder E. D. Johnson, W. S. Johnson, J. G. Fisher.
Saddletree.—L. Humphrey, M. H. Humphrey.

The churches at Beaver Creek and New Hope having disbanded, they are, on motion, left off our roll.

The Churches at Magnolia and Pleasant Union petitioned for letters of dismission to join the South River Association. On motion, the same are granted, and the Secretary ordered to prepare the letters.

The terms of office of the present officers of the Association being terminated, the Association went into an election for Moderator for the ensuing term. Appointed Bro. C. D. Burke and Elder J. G. Fisher tellers. Elder J. M. Beasley was again chosen Moderator. The Association next proceeded to elect a Clerk and Treasurer for the ensuing term. Appointed Elder W. C. West and Bro. D. T. Averitt tellers. F. M. Willis was re-elected Clerk and Treasurer for this term.

An invitation was given to visiting and corresponding brethren to take seats with us. Elder F. A. Prevatt, from the Cape Fear Association, presented himself, and was cordially welcomed; also, Bro. David Sikes of the First Baptist Church, Wilmington, N. C., came forward and was cordially received.

On motion, the Deacons of White Lake Church are appointed to arrange the religious exercises of this session. Also, appointed the male members of White Lake Church as a Vigilance Committee for the session.

The Moderator called for Petitionary Letters. The following newly organized churches presented letters asking admission to this Association.

On motion, they are unanimously received, their letters read, and the names of their delegates enrolled as follows:

Sharon.—Zion Horn, A. A. Melvin.
Cumberland Union.—W. S. Pope, A. Core, H. Cashwell.
Mount Tabor.—R. R. Bell.
Cedar Falls.—Represented by letter.
Suggs' Grove.—P. Melvin.

The Moderator appointed the following subjects and writers for this session, viz:

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.—Elder C. S. Cashwell and Bro. C. D. Burke.
FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Elders F. A. Prevatt and E. D. Johnson.
MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.—Brethren D. T. Averitt and W. J. Sutton.
SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Bro. L. Humphrey and Elder W. S. Melvin.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.—Brethren J. F. Byrne and F. M. Willis.
OBITUARIES.—Brethren D. W. McGugan and W. S. Johnson.
INTEMPERANCE.—Elders Levi Bryan and W. C. West.

On motion, adjourned to 10 o'clock Friday morning, Oct. 18th. Benediction by the Moderator.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 18th.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator read the 85th Psalm; hymn, "Come ye that love the Lord;" prayer, Elder C. S. Cashwell leading.

Churches absent on yesterday presented their letters, which were read and the names of the delegates enrolled.

Proceedings of yesterday read—stood approved.

Constitution and Rules of Order read.

Renewed the invitation to visiting and corresponding brethren to take seats with us. Prof. L. R. Mills from the Central Association presented himself and was cordially welcomed among us.

Elder R. Newton made a motion, which was sustained, that a committee be appointed to write on "The elevation of the Moral Standard of Piety in our churches." Remarks by Bro. J. F. Byrne, Elder R. Newton and the Moderator. The motion is carried, and Elder R. Newton and Bro. J. F. Byrne are appointed as that committee.

On motion, agreed to locate the next session of the Association, and, on motion, is

Resolved, That the next session of this Association be held with the church at White Oak, Bladen county, N. C., commencing on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1879. Elder R Newton to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder E. D. Johnson to preach the Charity Sermon on Sabbath.

Elder J. M. Beasley, for satisfactory reasons, requested the Association to release him from the duty assigned him of preaching the Charity Sermon on Sunday of this session. On motion he is released from said duty, and Elder R. Newton appointed in his stead.

Appointed Executive Board for the ensuing year. (See second page.)

Appointed Elders Levi Bryan and J. G. Fisher, Auditing Committee.

The Moderator appointed Elders W. S. Melvin and E. D.

Johnson to nominate corresponding messengers to sister Associations.

The Moderator, with Bro. J. F. Byrne, were appointed to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

On motion, it is agreed that we correspond, by messengers, with the Waccamaw and South River Associations.

Extended, again, an invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren to take seats with us. Bro. Edward White, from the Waccamaw Association, came forward, bearing a letter from his Association, which was read and the brother heartily received. Also, Bro. Evander Singletary, from the Cape Fear Association, was welcomed to a seat.

Corresponding Messengers from this Association, appointed at last session, called on to report. Elder E. D. Johnson reported that he had attended the Cape Fear and was cordially received and very favorably impressed with the work in that Association. Elder R. Newton attended the Little River Association, was kindly and heartily received, and was also well pleased with the progress made in that Association. Elder Johnson also attended the Waccamaw and was cordially received.

Report on Education called for. Bro. J. F. Byrne read the report. Remarks by Prof. Mills. The report was adopted and ordered to be appended. (See appendix.)

According to a recommendation in the report just adopted, a motion was made that we sustain one of our indigent young ministers at Wake Forest College as a beneficiary.

While the subject was under discussion the Association adjourned for forty-five minutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resumed the discussion on sustaining a beneficiary at Wake Forest. Prof. Mills proposes that if the Association will raise the funds necessary to sustain *one* of our young ministers at Wake Forest that he (Prof. M.) will take *another* of our young ministers at the same time, and allow the Association to select both the beneficiaries. After sufficient consideration the motion to sustain a beneficiary at the College was carried, and Bro. C. S. Cashwell was selected as one of the young ministers to go, and the selection of the other was left to the Executive Board at its next meeting. The requisite amount ($116) for sustaining a beneficiary for one year was raised by subscription.

Report on Periodicals called for. The report was handed in and read by the Clerk. Remarks by Prof. Mills, Bro. D. T. Averitt, Elders Levi Bryan, R. Newton, and Bro. M. McK. Smith. Adopted.

Report on Home Missions read by Bro. C. S. Cashwell. Adopted.

On motion, adjourned to Saturday morning 10 o'clock. Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 19th, 1878.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator read 71st Psalm; hymn 732, "My God, my everlasting hope;" prayer, Elder Noah Mercer leading.

Renewed the invitation to visiting brethren. Elder Mercer, of the Cape Fear, and Bro. Henry Herring from the Eastern Associations, were welcomed to seats.

Elder Johnson read the following appointments of messengers to sister Associations, which were ratified by the Association, to-wit:

TO THE CAPE FEAR.—E. D. Johnson, J. M. Johnson, W. S. Johnson, M. J. D. Willoughby.

TO THE SANDY CREEK.—Elder R. Newton, D. Davis.

TO THE RALEIGH.—Elder W. C. West. Z. T. Kivett.

TO THE SOUTH RIVER.—Elders J. G. Fisher, C. S. Cashwell, and Bro. H. L. Hall.

TO THE LITTLE RIVER.—Elder J. M. Beasly and Bro. W. H. Tomlinson.

TO THE WACCAMAW.—Elder E. D. Johnson, L. Humphrey.

Elder J. M. Beasly read the following appointments to the Baptist State Convention, which were ratified by the Association:

W. A. Tomlinson, E. D. Johnson, W. S. Melvin, W. C. West, R. Newton, J. G. Fisher, C. S. Cashwell, M. McK. Smith, W. J. Sutton.

Report on Ministerial support read. Remarks by Elder R. Newton and Bro. D. T. Averitt. Report adopted.

Report on Sabbath Schools read. Remarks by Bro. David Sikes and the Moderator. Report adopted.

Elder Johnson read report on Foreign Missions. Remarks by Brethren Smith, Johnson, Tatum, Humphrey, Newton, Beasley and West, after which cash and pledges were taken to the amount of $31.00. After some amendments the report was adopted.

Bro. Newton read the report on "The elevation of the

Moral Standard of Piety in our Churches." Remarks by Brethren Newton and Byrne. Report adopted.

The Association here gave way to meeting of the Executive Board.

After the Board adjourned, the Association came to order and adjourned for forty-five minutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resumed business.

Report on Obituaries deferred for the present.

Renewed the invitation to visiting brethren. Elder R. M. Sessoms, from the Cape Fear Association, was welcomed to a seat.

Report of Finance Committee read and received.

Treasurer of Association reported. Report received.

Chairman of the Executive Board reported. Report received.

Agreed to allow the Clerk $15 for his services.

On motion, it is ordered that the Constitution and Rules of Order of this Association be printed in this issue of the minutes.

Agreed to have as many copies of the minutes printed as the funds in hand will justify.

On motion, it is agreed to leave the selection of our other beneficiary, under Prof. Mills' proposition, to the Executive Board at its next session.

On motion, it is

Resolved, That the heartiest thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends, of this community, for the very bountiful and pleasant manner in which they have entertained this Association during this session.

Treasurer of Home Mission Board reported. Report received.

Agreed that the collection on to-morrow be applied to State and Foreign Missions.

Minutes of yesterday and to-day read and ratified.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next session.

Hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," during the singing of which the brethren affectionately take leave of each other, and at the conclusion, our venerable and esteemed brother, David Sikes, of Wilmington, lead in prayer.

Benediction by the Moderator.

J. M. BEASLEY, MODERATOR.

F. M. WILLIS, Clerk.

SUNDAY, October 20th, 1878.

A large and orderly congregation assembled at an early hour. The Missionary Sermon was preached by Elder R. Newton, and at its conclusion a collection was taken up amounting to $15.40, to be divided between State and Foreign Missions.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The first regular meeting was held with the Church at Cedar Creek, on the 29th day of December, 1877. The Missionaries reported at that time eleven days services rendered, three baptisms and one received to baptism. Elder W. C. West was requested to visit Cedar Falls once a month, and Elder J. G. Fisher to visit Rockfish church once a month during the next quarter.

Our next meeting was held with the Church at Cape Fear, on the 30th of March, 1878. The Missionaries reported ten days services rendered, some additions at Rockfish by letter. Elder West was continued at Cedar Falls monthly, and Elder Fisher at Rockfish monthly. Elder West was also sent to a point near Morrison's Bridge, on Little River, (since known as Kelly's School House) once a mouth during that quarter.

Our third meeting was held with the Church at Brier Branch, on the 29th of June, 1879. Elder West reported a Church constituted at Cedar Falls, and that he had visited the Station at Kelly's School House monthly, serving the Board eleven days in all. No other report at that time. Elder West was continued at Kelly's School House monthly, till the Association; Elder Fisher at Rockfish till the Association; Elder W. S. Melvin was appointed to occupy a station between Cape Fear and Black Rivers till the meeting of the Association; Elder T. J. Baker was requested to visit the Alms-House in Bladen county once a month till the Association.

Our last meeting was held at White Lake church during the session of the Association, on the 19th Oct., 1878. The reports of the Missionaries show that they had rendered thirty-nine days service, received twelve by letter, and baptized sixteen at Rockfish.

The Missionaries have been in the employ of the Board seventy-three days during the past Associational year, as follows: Elder West twenty-one days, Elder Fisher thirty-five days, Elder Baker two days, and Elder Melvin fifteen days. The reports are more encouraging than last year, and we hope that the brethren will come forward "to the help of the Lord against the mighty." There is much land yet to be possessed. Will we do it? The call still is, "Come over and help us."

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. BEASLEY, Ch'm'n Ex. Board.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Sabbath Schools have been blessed of God to the conversion of souls. They give employment to Christian laborers; outpourings of the Holy Spirit often follow them; and Wisdom says "Train up a child in the way he shauld go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Therefore, we recommend our pastors to encourage them, all our members to attend them, and all earnestly to pray God's blessing and guidance, and that teachers pray for those under their charge.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. MELVIN,
L. HUMPHREY,
Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER HOME MISSION BOARD,

FROM OCTOBER 1877, TO OCTOBER, 1878.

1877.	Dr.		
Oct. 19,	To amount on hand,............	$ 35 83	
Dec. 29,	To amount received from Rockfish church.,..	2 00	
	" " " Cape Fear church,..	25	
1878. March 30	" " " Rockfish church,...	2 02	
	" " " Mt. Pisgah church,.	75	
	" " " Rocky Mount ch.,..	1 00	
	" " " Elder J. G. Fisher,.	1 90	
	" " " J. F. Byrne,..	1 00	
	" " " Theo. Evans,....	1 00	
	" " " Jas. Thames,.......	25	
	" " " T. W. Devane,.......	1 00	
	" " " D. W. McGugan,...	1 00	
	" " " Eld. J. M. Beasley,.	50	
	" " " W. H. Tomlinson,..	1 00	
	To amount of Sabbath Collection at Cape Fear	7 00	
June 29.	To amount received from Cape Fear church,..	2 25	
	" " " Mt. Pisgah church,.	1 37	
	" " " White Oak,.......	3 00	
	" " " D. Tatum,..........	25	
	" " " Elder T. J. Baker,..	50	
	" " " Kelly's S. H., per W. C. West,........................	2 80	
	To am't of Sabbath Collection at Brier Branch,	5 27	
July 14	To amount received from Providence church,.	6 00	
Oct. 20,	" " " Brier Branch,.....	5 00	
	" " " Bladen Union,. ...	3 75	
	" " " White Oak church,.	6 85	
	" " " Lebanon church....	3 00	
	" " " Elder J. G. Fisher,.	5 00	
	" " " Rockfish, pr J. G. F	9 50	
	" " " Elder W. S. Melvin,	2 64	
	" " " Treas. of Associat'n	50 54	
	Total amount from all sources,.........		$ 164 24
1877.	Cr.		
Dec. 29,	By amount paid Elder W. C. West,..........	$ 12 00	
	" " " J. G. Fisher,............	10 00	
1878. March 30	" " " W. C. West,............	8 00	
	" " " J. G. Fisher,............	12 00	
June 29,	" " " W. C. West,.............	21 44	
Oct. 19,	" " " J. G. Fisher,........ ..	42 00	
	" " " W. S. Melvin,.... ...	15 00	
	" " " T. J. Baker,..........	2 00	
			$ 122 44
	Balance on hand,..		$ 41 80

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. McGUGAN,
Treas. D. M. Board.

We have examined the above and find it correct.

L. BRYAN.
E. SINGLETARY,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

The report on this subject for last year shows about one death for every ninety-two of our membership. The mortuary list does not seem to increase; but we have to mourn the loss of two excellent members, both ministers, viz: Elder Joab Smith and Elder B. F. Jessup. We are sorry that your committee are not in possession of any facts and incidents in the life of the former; but we can say he was a worthy and good man, whose labors were acceptable as a servant of the Most High. He was loved and respected by all who knew him.

Elder B. F. Jessup was born Nov. 17th, 1827, near Macon, Ga. In 1850 he joined the Antioch Baptist church, Twiggs county, Ga., was soon impressed with the duty of preaching the Gospel, and he was licensed to preach in March, 1852. His opportunities previous to this time, for an education, had been very unfavorable, nor were they at the time he received license to preach very favorable. But a felt need of an education as a minister of the Gospel soon broke down the barriers, and in 1853 he entered Cave Spring College, where he remained four years. There he learned never forgotten lessons. After spending one year at Cassville College, he taught two years in Washington and Isabella Academies. In the Spring of 1862 he came to North Carolina and did valuable Missionary labor in the eastern part of the State. In 1863 he was commissioned by Elder N. B. Cobb, then General Superintendent of Army Colporteur in North Carolina. In this capacity he labored earnestly, pointing sinners to the Lamb of God, and comforting those bodily distressed in the hospitals. Before his death he spoke to a friend of the pleasure it afforded him to baptize the soldiers in the waters of the Atlantic, who were exposed to such dangers of the coast. After the close of the war he married Miss L. B. Jessup, a very amiable and intelligent lady. He accepted the pastorate of churches in Cumberland and Bladen counties, to which he preached faithfully and acceptably until 1875, when he became confined with liver complaint, and finally catarrh and Neuralgia. He was never able to minister to his people only at short intervals, until his soul winged its way to the mansions of glory, June the 9th, 1878, leaving a bosom companion and one little daughter to mourn their irreparable loss; but with pleasure they can say, "He was an affectionate husband and father, mild in his disposition, and kind to all around him."

Thus we are called to mourn the loss of two of our ministers. Their labors on earth are finished, their race is run, the victory gained. May God enable us all to greatly profit by their exemplary lives, for they were truly good men.

Respectfully submitted,
D. W. McGUGAN,
W. S. JOHNSON,
Committee.

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Prov. xx: 1.

Intemperance is the grievous sin of America. Government legislation, temperance pledges, nor the word of God, have been successful in removing drinking and drunkenness from our churches. I Cor., 6 chapter, 10th verse, says: "No drunkard shall enter the kingdom of heaven." Church discipline should be resorted to in order to check the too common occurrence of so grievous a sin, and redeem the church and her members from so foul a reproach. The church and her ministers are the instruments to reform the world, and until their influence is exercised and respectability in dealers and dram-drinking is lost, there can no check be given to this wholesale ruin. Until social order shall discountenance this ruinous habit orphans will cry for bread, and we be taxed to support prison-houses,—crime, slaughter and ruin will continue to give us trouble.

The millions that are yearly spent for this ruin would more than aggregate the entire amount given by all denominations for benevolent objects.

LEVI BRYAN,
W. C. WEST,
Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee, to whom was assigned the duty of writing on Foreign Missions, submit the following: Inasmuch as the subject has been much discussed, and as its great importance is fully apparent from these words of our Lord, "Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel to every creature," we recommend that this Associate assembly take the necessary steps to raise a fund for said purpose. COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

This is a subject about which we, as the disciples of Jesus laboring for the salvation of souls and the glory of God, should be greatly concerned. Though the Saviour said go teach all nations we think that the destitutions of our own land should claim our attention more in the future than it has in the past. How many precious souls even in our country are perishing for the Bread of Life? Well may Joel say, "Put in the sickle for the harvest is fully ripe." Brethren have we not encouragement to labor on for this object? We are told in Mark 16th: 20th, that "they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming them with signs following." Have not signs followed our labors? Many souls, we trust, have been converted and churches built up. Therefore, let every minister, deacon, clerk, and layman, awake to the work, remembering brethren that we are not to labor alone, but workers together with God, and we have the promise "Lo, I am with you always."

C. S. CASHWELL,
C. D. BURKE,
Committee.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Whereas, in the *Biblical Recorder* we have an excellent Baptist family paper which is accomplishing great good, and proving itself worthy the patronage of North Carolina Baptists; therefore

Resolved, That pastors of the several churches composing this Association be requested to urge it as a duty of each family to take the *Recorder*, *Kind Words*, and *Foreign Mission Journal.*

J. F. BYRNE, Committee.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We would submit the following positions as right and capable of defense:

1st. That it is right to encourage every kind of Education that is in harmony with the mind of God.

2d. That it is our duty to encourage the erection of suitable school houses in every community.

3d. That it is our interest and duty to encourage and reward competency in teaching.

4th. That it is necessary to the proper qualifications of students to enter our Colleges that a first class Academy should be established within our bounds, and that it is also our duty to foster and encourage said institution.

5th. We would urge our young ministers to prepare themselves so far as they possibly can for the more efficient preaching of the Gospel, and we recommend that this Association aid one or more of our indigent young ministers at Wake Forest College.

F. M. WILLIS,
J. F. BYRNE,
Committee.

ESSAY ON THE ELEVATION OF THE MORAL STANDARD OF PIETY IN OUR CHURCHES.

This subject is one that has been engaging the earnest consideration of many of our most devoted members. If the present standard of piety is what it should be, why do we fall short in the various branches of church work, such as ministerial support. sustaining of prayer-meetings, and co-operation in Sabbath Schools? Why such apathy in regard to benevolent operations and a general neglect of family worship? and why so many members in whose piety there is little or no confidence?

Are we backsliding? Will our candlestick be removed? What is the cause? Is there no hope for improvement? A voice as of heaven answers: "Strengthen the things that remain."

Sin is too prevalent, but, as covetousness is most manifest, read 10th Psalm.

Make the tree good and the fruit will be good. Raise high the standard of piety and Christian fruit will, in like manner, approach perfection. Therefore let the patience, fortitude, and self-denying devotion of the Apostles and Prophets, and chiefly of our Lord, who died that we might live, be set before us in heavens own clear light; let the faithful, though in the minority be encouraged; let all earnestly seek to walk in the Spirit, and pray, "Turn us, O Lord; cause thy face to shine and we shall be saved."

R. NEWTON, Ch'm'n Com.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your committee on Ministerial Support submit the following: We think that the support of the ministry is as plainly taught in the New Testament as any other duty, and yet we find our ministers only partially supported, not so much for want of willingness to do duty as for want of systematic effort. Respectfully submitted,

W. J. SUTTON,
D. T. AVERITT,
Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Educ tion.
Cape Fear,	$ 1 10	$ 4 02		
Cedar Creek,	2 50	3 33	$ 2 00	
Magnolia,	1 50			
Lebanon,	2 00			
Fayetteville,	5 00	10 00		
Rockfish,	1 70			
Manchester,	1 00			
Judson.	1 50			
Antioch.	1 00	3 00	2 00	
Beaverdam,	1 40			
Mount Pisgah	2 00	2 33	1 29	
Pleasant Union,	1 94	1 00	1 00	
Corinth,	95			
Smith's Chapel,	2 00	45	1 51	
Mount Pleasant,	1 00		1 25	
Cypress Creek,	1 50	90	2 70	
Brier Branch,	2 00			
White Oak,	2 50			
Shiloh,	1 15	1 69	1 70	
White Lake,	2 25	1 25	1 00	
Bladen Union,	1 50			
Green Spring,	2 50	4 92	4 92	3 92
Providence,	2 33	5 00	24 50	
Great Marsh,	1 00	5 00	6 20	
Saddletree,	2 00	6 15	3 70	
Sharon,	2 10	1 00		
Cumberland Union,	1 50	3 50	1 25	
Mt. Tabor,	1 50			
Rocky Mount,	60	2 00	1 00	
Suggs' Grove,	1 25		1 00	
Totals	$ 52 27	$ 55 54	$ 57 02	$ 3 92

M. McK. SMITH,
J. F. BYRNE,
Finance Committee.

PLEDGES TO BENEFICIARY FUND.

Rocky Mount church	$ 5 00
Arthur Core,	5 00
F M. Willis,	10 00
M. McK. Smith,	5 00
Brier Branch	10 00
Mt. Pisgah,	5 00
Sharon	5 00
White Oak,	5 00
H. Cashwell,	5 00
Manchester,	5 00
Antioch,	5 00
Lebanon	5 00
J. F. Byrne,	5 00
Shiloh,	5 00
Levi Bryan,	5 00
Green Spring,	15 00
White Lake,	5 00
J. M. Beasley,	16 00
Total pledged,	$121 00

REPORT OF TREASURER OF ASSOCIATION.

1877.	Dr.		
Oct. 1.	To amount on hand,........................	$ 4 60	
20.	To amount of Minute Fund from Fin. Com	63 30	
	" Home Missions, "	39 12	
	" Foreign " "	40 00	
	" Education, "	6 00	
	To amount of Collection for Foreign Missions on Saturday of Association,......	25 33	
	To amount of Collection for Foreign Missions on Sunday of Association,........	5 87	
	To amount of Collection for Education on Sunday of Association,..................	4 87	$ 189 09
	Cr.		
	To amount paid Dr. Hartwell for Foreign Missions,........................	$ 71 20	
	To amount paid Prof. Mills for Education	10 87	
	To amount paid Treasurer Home Mission Board,..............................	39 12	
	To amount paid for Printing Minutes,....	40 00	
	To amount paid for Clerk's Salary,.......	25 00	
	To amount paid for Express charges,.......	2 00	
	To amount of balance on hand,.....	90	$ 189 09

F. M. WILLIS,
Treas. C. C. A.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Expelled.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Colored.	SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.					
											Teachers.	Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	Papers tak'n.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.
Cape Fear,..	7	...	..	5	..	1	30	72	102	..	6	40	100	...	James Marsh,..	Gray's Creek, N. C.
Cedar Creek,..	7	5	1	24	4	2	59	141	200	..	..	..	...	..	......	......
Lebanon,..	7	...	1	1	2	2	33	53	86	..	6	45	50	..	C. T. Guy,..	Fayetteville, "
Fayetteville,..	1	7	1	8	7	8	45	119	154	..	14	85	350	..	F. W. Eason,..	Fayetteville, "
Rockfish,..	18	19	2	..	2	..	13	52	65	..	4	30	....	..	M. Morgan,..	Hope Mills, "
Manchester,..	11	...	2	...	.	..	25	62	90	3	5	60	175	..	Z. T. Kivett,..	Manchester, "
Judson,..	...	1	..	1	.	..	34	44	78	..	..	..	....	..	......	......
Antioch,..	..	...	..	..	1	..	42	74	116	..	.	..	....	..	H. L. Hall,..	Kyles' Landing, N. C.
Mt. Pisgah,..	4	2	..	..	1	..	37	42	79	..	..	..	....	..	......	......
Beaverdam,..	10	1	5	3	2	..	31	70	101	..	.	..	....	..	......	......
Corinth,..	2	....	1	..	.	..	10	27	37	..	..	..	....	..	......	......
Rocky Mount,..	....	....	..	1	1	..	13	13	26	..	4	20	....	..	J. A. R. Howard,..	......
Smith's Chapel,..	14	4	1	..	1	2	....	...	80	..	8	52	.....	..	F. H. Armstrong,..	......
Mt. Pleasant,..	5	...	..	..	2	..	24	34	58	..	4	34	...	...	John Horne,..	Clay Fork, N. C.
Cypress Creek,..	....	...	..	3	2	2	29	47	77	..	..	..	..	..	......	......
Brier Branch,..	....	...	..	2	4	2	38	65	103	..	5	55	52	..	J. H. Tatum,..	......
White Oak,..	22	3	3	..	2	4	65	103	168	..	9	71	125	..	D. M. Melvin,..	White Oak, N. C.
Shiloh,..	3	1	2	4	5	2	18	43	61	..	2	15	....	..	W. H. Butler,..	Willis' Creek, "
White Lake,..	....	....	..	..	..	1	42	78	120	..	4	44	56	..	G. W. Thomas,..	Little Sugar Loaf, "
Bladen Union,..	1	2	..	2	2	..	31	57	90	2	..	..	..	..	......	......
Green Spring..	1	11	..	...	2	..	40	70	110	..	6	35	50	..	M. Cashwell,..	Roslin, N. C.
Providence,..	1	...	..	..	..	1	24	36	60	..	3	21	350	..	S. J. Cobb,..	Dundarrach, "
Great Marsh,..	2	4	2	9	1	..	50	58	111	3	4	41	50	..	W. S. Johnson,..	St. Paul's, "

STATISTICAL TABLE---*Continued.*

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Expelled.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Colored.	SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.					
											Teachers	Pupils.	Volumes in Library	Papers tak'n.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES
Saddletree,	5	7	..	2	1	1	59	58	123	6	..	..	....	..		
*Sharon,	8	13	..	..	1	1	.	..	38	..	..	..	....	..		
Cumberland Union,	25	17	..	..	..	..	....	....	54	6	.	..	..	..	I. C. Melvin,	Cedar Creek, N. C.
Mt. Tabor,	. .	2	..	..	..	..	7	10	17	..	...	..	....	..		
Cedar Falls,	....	2	..	..	..	2	4	17	21	..	..	..	....	..		
Suggs' Grove,	....	2	..	..	..	..	8	10	18	..	..	..	...	..		
	147	103	21	65	43	31	811	1453	2443	20						

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	POST OFFICE.		CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	
Cape Fear,	A. R. Pittman,	Lumberton,	N. C.	A. L. Evans,	Fayetteville,	N. C.
Cedar Creek,	R. Newton,	Fayetteville,	N. C.	F. S. Averitt,	Cedar Creek,	“
Lebanon,	J. M. Beasley,	“	“	C. T. Guy,	Fayetteville,	“
Fayetteville,	F. W. Eason,	“	“	Isaac Hollingsworth,	“	“
Rockfish,	J. G. Fisher,	Roslin,	“	J. Musselwhite,	Hope Mills,	“
Manchester,	W. C. West,	Fayetteville,	“	D Kivett,	Manchester,	“
Judson,	S. Williford,	Giles' Mills,	“	W. F. Sessoms,	Fayetteville,	“
Antioch,	“ “	“ “	“	I. Strickland,	Kyles' Landing,	“
Mt. Pisgah,	J. M. Beasley,	Fayetteville,	“	W. S. Fisher,	Fayetteville,	“
Beaverdam,	E. D. Johnson,	St. Paul's,	“	Irvin Melvin,		
Corinth,	N. Mercer,	Lumberton,	“	J. Horne,		
Smith's Chapel,	Henry Howard,			W. R. Carter,		
Mt. Pleasant,	W. S. Melvin,	White Oak,	N. C	John Horne,	Clay Fork,	N. C.
Cypress Creek,				M. McK. Smith,		
Brier Branch	W. S. Melvin,	White Oak,	N. C.	W. T. Jessup,	White Oak,	N. C.
White Oak,	“ “	“ “	“	D. M. Melvin,	“ “	“
Shiloh,				J. H. McGhee,	Willis' Creek,	“
White Lake,				W. H. Russ,	Litte Sugar Loaf.	“
Bladen Union,	J. G. Fisher,	Roslin,	N. C.	A. G. Tyson,	Willis' Creek,	“
Green Spring,	A. R. Pittman,	Leesville,	“	M. Cashwell,	Roslin,	“
Rocky Mount,	R. Newton,	Fayetteville,	“	D. N. Newton,	Fayetteville,	“
Providence,	J. Monroe,	Laurel Hill	“	D. W. McGugan,	Dundarrach,	“
Great Marsh,	E. D. Johnson,	St. Paul's,	“	A. Odum,	St. Paul's,	“
Saddletree,	“ “	“	“	S. R. Davis,	Lumberton,	“
Sharon,	W. S. Melvin,	White Oak,	“	I. C. Beard,	Clay Fork,	“
Cumberland Union,	E. D. Johnson,	St. Paul's,	“	J. F. Thaggard,	Cedar Creek,	“
Mt. Tabor,	A. B Alderman,	Giles' Mills,	“	I. J. Parker,	Little River Academy.	
Cedar Falls,	W. C. West,	Fayetteville,	N. C.	D. H. Callahan,		
Suggs' Grove,	W. S. Melvin,	White Oak,	“	W. O. Gwin,		

RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

Cedar Creek Baptist Association.

1. At each assembling for the transaction of business the presiding officer (or in his absence the Secretary) shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a chairman pro-tem shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, praise and prayer, either by him or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

2. The Presiding Officer shall, as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the constitution and rules of order of the Association, in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transacted. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order and give his views, after others are done speaking, on any point under discussion.

3 The names of delegates shall be called each day of the session previous to proceeding to business, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers, and each other. which becometh those who reverence God, whose they are and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or make remarks, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the Presiding Officer ; shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave

5 When a motion is made without a second it shall not receive attention, but if seconded, it shall be stated by the Presiding Officer, or if in writing, it shall be read by the Secretary, before debate.

6. After a motion is stated by the Presiding Officer, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time, by the mover, previous to discussion.

7. When a question is under debate no motion or proposition shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for a reconsideration thereof, during the same session.

9. When a subject is presented and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration by a vote of the Association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association unless he has permission, or be sick, and unable to attend.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any Annual Session of the Association, by a vote of a majority of the delegates present.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, God's people are commanded to strive together for the faith of the Gospel; *And whereas,* in union there is greater strength and capacity for assisting in the promotion of Christ's Kingdom on earth ; we, professed followers of Christ, resolve to unite in an associated capacity on the following Constitution :

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, of North Carolina.

ART. 2. This body shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and ministers having charge of churches connected with the Association shall be members *ex-officio.*

ART. 3. In the selection of these delegates, the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

ART. 4. The delegates thus selected should bear from their respective churches, a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church and the interest thereof.

ART. 5. The Association shall select out of their members annually, a presiding officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and who shall receive a majority of all the votes cast to elect the same, and to continue in office until the time for the annual election.

ART. 6. The object of the Association shall be to promote Christ's Kingdom among men, and the way and means to do this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to law and testimony.

ART. 7. This Association shall have a fund, created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer, and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

ART. 8. A faithful record shall be kept of each session, which shall be printed and presented to each session.

ART. 9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint on Executive Committee, to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted ; which committee shall be answerable for their official acts to the Association.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship toward any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve proper or Gospel order among their members, nor towards any of her churches and ministers who treat her constitution with contempt ; but shall sustain with all her influence, such, as promote Gospel principles and order.

ART. 11. It shall be the province of the Association to invite visiting brethren and corresponding brethren to a seat, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

ART. 12. The Annual Session of this Association shall be on Thursday before the third Lord's day in October, at such places as may be chosen

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon preached and also a Charity Sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Session by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

MINUTES

OF THE

22d ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CEDAR CREEK Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

WHITE OAK, BLADEN COUNTY, N. C.,

October 16-19, 1879.

Elder N. B. COBB, MODERATOR,.........Fayetteville.
D. W. McGUGAN, SECRETARY,..........Dundarrach.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 1879-'80.

CHURCHES AND MEMBERS.

Cape Fear—J. F. Byrne.
Cedar Creek—D. L. Smith.
Lebanon—John S. Beard.
Fayetteville—Elder N. B. Cobb.
Rockfish—J. Muslewhite.
Manchester—R. Brooks.
Judson—J. Horn.
Antioch—A. Bain.
Mt. Tabor—C. D. Nixon.
Cedar Falls—T. R. Taylor.
Rocky Mount—I. T. Newton.
Mt. Pisgah—Eld. J. M. Beasley.
Cumberland Un.—W.H.McDonald
Beaver Dam—M. Hall.
Corinth—D. Carter.

CHURCHES AND MEMBERS.

Mt. Pleasant—J. Horne.
Smith's Chapel—W. R. Carter.
Cypress Creek—M. McK. Smith.
Brier Branch—J. H. Tatum.
White Oak—D. B. Melvin.
White Lake—W. J. Sutton.
Shiloh—W. H. Butler.
Bladen Union—D. Register.
Sharon—G. R. Beard.
Sugg's Grove—P. Melvin.
Green Spring—M. Cashwell.
Great Marsh—W. S. Johnson.
Providence—D. W. McGugan.
Saddletree—L. Humphrey.

Ordained Ministers and their Post Offices.

1. John M. Beasley, Fayetteville.
2. C. E. Beard, Fayetteville, N. C.
3. C. S. Cashwell, Roslin, "
4. J. H. Cobb, Lumber Bridge "
5. N. B. Cobb, Fayetteville, "
6. J. B. Downing, Cedar Creek, "
7. J. G. Fisher, Roslin, "
8. E. D. Johnson, St. Pauls, "
9. E. Martin, White Oak, "
10. W. S. Melvin, White Oak, N. C.
11. Reuben Newton, " "
12. D. N. Newton, " "
13. A. R. Pittman, Grays Cr'k, "
14. W. C. West, Fayetteville, "

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, October 16th, 1879.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. L. Bryan, I John, 3d ch. and 16th verse: "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

At the close of which an interval of half an hour was given for refreshments.

The Association was then called to order by Moderator, Eld. J. M. Beasley, who reads the 1st Psalm. Prayer offered, Elder N. B. Cobb leading.

Elder A. R. Pittman was called to the clerkship *pro tem.*

List of churches was then called, all responding but two.

Appointed Elder L. Bryan and M. McK. Smith reading clerks.

Appointed C. D. Nixon and J. H. Tatum committee on Finance.

The Church Letters were then called for, and read, and the names of delegates enrolled, as follows:

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

CAPE FEAR.—Elder A. R. Pittman, Jas. Plummer, J. F. Byrne.
CEDAR CREEK.—D. L. Smith, J. E Everett, M. H. Sewell.
LEBANON.—D. L. Beard, W Coleman.
FAYETTEVILLE.—Eld. N. B. Cobb, N. J. McDuffie.
ROCKFISH.—Represented by Letter.
MANCHESTER.—Represented by Letter.
JUDSON.—J. W. Harris, L. McDonald, J. Horne.
ANTIOCH.—A. Bain, D. Autrey, A. Strickland.
CEDAR FALLS.—T. R Taylor, C. D. Gilmore.
MT. TABOR —Chas. D. Nixon, W. J. Draughon.
ROCKY MOUNT.—I. T. Newton, Z. B. Newton.
MT. PISGAH.—Eld. J. M. Beasley, J. W. Fisher.
CUMBERLAND UNION —A. Core, W. S. Pope, Isaac C. Melvin.
BEAVER DAM.—M. H. Bullard, P. M. Bullard, T. J. Smith.
SHARON.—W. F. Beard, P. F. Melvin, J. C. Beard.

SAMPSON COUNTY.

CORINTH.—D. Carter.
MOUNT PLEASANT.—J. D. Tatum, R. C. Rogers.
SMITH'S CHAPEL.—L. W. Highsmith, M. Rich.

BLADEN COUNTY.

CYPRESS CREEK.—T. M. Smith, S. Norris, M. McK. Smith.

BRIER BRANCH.—J. H. Tatum, W. T. Jessup, A. Downing.
WHITE OAK.—Eld. E. Martin, D. B. Melvin, Jas. Melvin.
WHITE LAKE.—R. Smith, W. J. Sutton, D. O. Smith.
SHILOH.—D. D. Salmon, W. B. Baker, J. A. Chason.
BLADEN UNION.—R. M. Tolar, D. Register, T. Penfield.
SUGGS' GROVE.—R. Suggs, P. Melvin.

ROBESON COUNTY.

GREEN SPRING.—Eld. J. G. Fisher, Eld. C. S. Cashwell, J. N. Cashwell.
GREAT MARSH.—Eld. E. D. Johnson, A. Odum, J. M. Johnson.
PROVIDENCE.—D. W. McGugan, Willie Graham.
SADDLETREE.—M. Humphrey, J. A. McDonald.

The term of the officers of the Association having expired, the Association balloted for the same. Eld. N. B. Cobb was elected Moderator, and D. W. McGugan Clerk and Treasurer.

Association then adjourned until 10 o'clock Friday morning. Closed with benediction by the Moderator.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 17th.

The Association convened at the appointed hour.

Moderator read the hymn, "Am I a soldier of the cross;" after singing, prayer was offered by Eld. A. R. Pittman.

Proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Church Letters not present on yesterday were called for, read, and the names of delegates enrolled.

Renewed the invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. Bro. J. B. Downing, of the South River Association, presented himself and was welcomed to a seat. Elder H. Hatcher, correspondent and agent of the *Biblical Recorder*, also accepted a seat in the body.

The Moderator appointed committees to report at this session of the Association, as follows:

ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.—Elder A. R. Pittman.
ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.—Eld. J. M. Beasley.
STATE MISSIONS.—Eld. E. D. Johnson, J. F. Byrne.
FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Eld. A. R. Pittman, M. H. Bullard.
EDUCATION.—David B. Melvin, M. McK. Smith.
PERIODICALS.—Eld. J. G. Fisher, C. D. Nixon.
SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Eld. C. S. Cashwell, Eld. L. Bryan.
MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.—Castine Martin, M. Melvin.
INTEMPERANCE.—Eld. William S. Melvin, R. M. Tolar.
OBITUARIES.—D. W. McGugan, J. A. McDonald.

The committee on Order of Business reported as follows:

1st Organization.
2d. Reception of new churches, cor. messengers and visiting brethren.
3d. Appointment of committees.
4th. Reports of Boards.
5th. Reports of Committees.
6th. Fix time and place of next session and appoint ministers to preach stated sermons.
7th. Hear reports of corresponding messengers.
8th. Appoint corresponding messengers and delegates to Baptist State Convention.
9th. Miscellaneous business.

The report on Intemperance was presented and read, and after remarks by Elds. J. M. Beasley, H. Hatcher, A. R. Pittman, E. D. Johnson and N. B. Cobb, the report was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The report on Foreign Missions was then read, and, on motion was laid on the table until to-morrow (Saturday) morning.

The report on Church Extension and Missionary labors read, and, on motion, laid on the table until this afternoon.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read, and referred back to the committee to be perfected, with the understanding that it be taken up in mass meeting on Sunday morning.

Resolved, That the next session of this body be held with the church at Judson, Cumberland county, to meet on Tuesday after the second Sabbath in October, 1880; Elder E. D. Johnson to preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. J. B Downing alternate. Elder N. B. Cobb to preach the Missionary Sermon on Wednesday of our next session, Elder A. R. Pittman alternate

Corresponding Messengers were called on to report: Bro. J. M. Johnson reports attending the Cape Fear and was cordially received. Elder E. D. Johnson attended the Waccamaw and was cordially received. None of the others attended.

The Moderator appointed Elds. J. M. Beasley, E. D. Johnson and W. S. Melvin, a committee to appoint corresponding messengers.

Association then called off for 45 minutes for refreshments. Benediction by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association called on again. Prayer was offered, Bro. D. Register leading.

Appointed the Executive Committee for the ensuing year. (See page 2.)

The report on Education was presented, read, and after addresses from Elders A. R. Pittman and H. Hatcher, the report was adopted. (See appendix.)

Appointed Elder Wm. S. Melvin, Elder A. R. Pittman and D. W. McGugan a committee recommended in said report.

Association then adjourned until 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Prayer offered by Eld. L. Bryan. Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 18th.

The Association met at the appointed hour. Moderator reads the hymn "Awake my soul in joyful lays," and after singing, reads the 85th Psalm. Prayer was then offered, Elder C. S. Cashwell leading.

The names of delegates were called and absentees marked.

Proceedings of the previous day read and approved.

Renewed the invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. Elders N. Mercer, F. A. Prevatt, and Bro. G. W. Jones, of the Cape Fear Association, presented themselves and were welcomed to seats.

The report of the Executive Board was read and received.

The report of Associational Missions and Church Extension, read on the previous day and laid on the table, was taken up and read and adopted.

Report on State Missions was read, and the Association being addressed by Elders H. Hatcher and N. B. Cobb, a collection was taken up in behalf of said cause amounting to $13.58. The report was adopted.

On motion, it was agreed that the collection on Sabbath be equally divided between Foreign, State and Associational Missions.

The report on Periodicals was then read. The Association was addressed by Elder H. Hatcher, agent for the *Biblical Recorder*, and others. Report adopted.

The committee to appoint Corresponding Messengers reported the following:

TO THE CAPE FEAR—Elders A. R. Pittman and E. D Johnson.
TO THE RALEIGH—Elder R Newton, D. Kivett
TO THE SOUTH RIVER—Elder C. S. Cashwell and H L. Hall
TO THE LITTLE RIVER—Charles D. Nixon and W. J. Draughon.

TO THE WACCAMAW.—Elder E. D. Johnson, W. S. Johnson and A. A. McKaskill.

TO THE SANDY CREEK.—Elders W. C. West and R. Newton.

The Association called off 45 minutes for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by the Moderator. Hymn, "There is a fountain filled with blood." After the singing, prayer was offered, Elder J. B. Downing leading.

Leave of absence was granted to several brethren.

The report on Ministerial Support was then read, and after various remarks by Brethren C. Martin, R. N. Tolar, D. Register and J. F. Byrne, the report was adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions, laid on the table on the previous day, was then taken up, and after hearing several addresses a cash collection was had amounting to $3.00 in behalf of said Mission in addition to amounts in hands of the Finance Committee. The report was then adopted.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved. That the Pastors and Ministers in charge of the churches in the Cedar Creek Association request their congregations to take a collection for that object at least once a year, at some stated time preceding the Association.

The Moderator announced the following writers and subjects for next Association:

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Elder E. D Johnson.
SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Elder C. S Cashwell.
HOME AND INDIAN MISSIONS—Elder A R. Pittman.
STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.—Elder J. M. Beasley.
PERIODICALS.—M. H Bullard.
EDUCATION.—D B. Melvin.
CHURCH EXTENSION—Elder Wm. S. Melvin.
INTEMPERANCE.—Elder J. B. Downing.
MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.—J. F. Byrne.

The committee of Finance reported; report received.

Treasurer of Associational Missions reported; report received.

The following resolution was unanimously passed:

Resolved, That the heartiest thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community, for the very bountiful and pleasant manner in which they have entertained this Association during this session.

The Association then adjourned to meet on to-morrow (Sabbath) morning in a Sunday School Mass Meeting.

SABBATH MORNING, October 19th.

The Association convened in the house at the appointed hour, in a Sabbath School Mass Meeting. Song, "Shall we gather at the river." Prayer was offered, Elder J. B. Downing leading.

Statistical report on Sabbath Schools read. The Association and friends were addressed by Elds. H. Hatcher and A. R. Pittman, after which the report was adopted.

The congregation immediately repaired to the stand in the grove. Hymn, "How vain are all things here below." Elder Hatcher reads 10th chapter of Romans. Prayer offered, Elder E. D. Johnson leading. Elder Hatcher addressed the audience. Text, Rom. 10: 17: "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God," &c.

After the sermon, Elder N. B. Cobb reads the hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' name." After singing, Elder N. B. Cobb preaches the Charity Sermon from I Tim. 1: 15: "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." At the conclusion a collection amounting to $11.52 was taken to be devoted to Associational, State and Foreign Missions. Closed by singing Doxology.

Benediction by the Moderator.

N. B. COBB, MODERATOR.

D. W. MCGUGAN, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The first meeting was held with the church at Antioch, the 28th of December, 1878. No reports were received from our Missionary at that meeting Elder Wm. C. West was requested to visit Averasboro once a month the next quarter; Elder Wm. S Melvin his former station between Black and Cape Fear Rivers, and Elder D. Newton to visit Kelly's School House, on Little River, once a month the next quarter.

Our next meeting was held with the church at Beaver Dam, on the 29th of March, 1879. Elder W. S. Melvin reports six days' service, preached 12 sermons, received 2 persons for the ordinance of baptism. Elder D Newton reports serving the Board two days only. Our third meeting was held with the church at Rocky Mount, on the 28th of June, 1879 Elder W. S. Melvin reports serving the Board six days, preached six sermons, baptized two persons. Elder D. Newton reports three days' service; the Beaver Creek Station not inviting. Elder W. C. West did not visit his Station. Elder W S Melvin was continued at his former Stations. Elder C. S. Cashwell was appointed to visit Beaver Creek the next quarter.

Our fourth meeting was held with the church at Green Spring, on the 30th of August, 1879. Elder W. S. Melvin reports four days' service. Elder C. S Cashwell five days' service Elder W S. Melvin was continued in his field until the meeting of the Association. Elder W C West was requested to visit Beaver Creek once a month until the Association.

Our last meeting was held with the Association on the 17th of October, at White Oak. Elder W. C. West reports three days' service Elder W. S. Melvin did not attend his Stations the last quarter on account of holding protracted meetings among the churches of his charge.

The Missionaries have been in the employ of the Board twenty-nine days during the past Associational year, as follows: Elder W. S Melvin sixteen, Elder Newton five, Elder C. S Cashwell five, Elder W. C West three days.

The reports are not as encouraging as heretofore, but we hope to be able to have a more interesting report at a future day.

J. M. BEASLEY, Chm'n.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

There are in the bounds of the Association 24 Sabbath Schools, 125 teachers, 997 scholars, 1,624 volumes in libraries, and five churches without Sabbath Schools. The cause, we fear, by some of our brethren, is too much neglect. We look upon the Sabbath School as the nursery of the church. We are taught that the blessed Jesus, when on earth, took the little children in his arms and blessed them. And what can we, as his disciples, do for them that will result in more good to them and the prosperity of the cause of Christ than to instill into their young minds the wholesome truths of the last Will and Testament of Him who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me." And where can we better succeed than in the Sabbath School! In it the young, middle aged and the old may learn. If so, brethren, advocate it, and pray God's blessing to attend our efforts. COMMITTEE.

NOTE.—The original report was referred to the committee and was not placed in the hands of the Clerk. This is why it is not published

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

It has been estimated that the people of North Carolina pay annually about $1,000,000 for education, $268,880 for their religion, and the enormous sum of $8,500,960 for liquor. All the 200,000 bales of cotton raised in the State will not pay the liquor bills of our people by $500,000. Added to this the destruction of property, crime and suffering caused by the drinking of liquor and you will see good reason for increased effort to stop the manufacture and sale of this destructive article.

Your committee are unanimously of the opinion that it would be greatly to the interest of the people of North Carolina to pass a law prohibiting entirely the manufacture and sale of ardent spirits within the limits of the State.

W. S. MELVIN,
R. M TOLAR,
I T. NEWTON,
Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Paul said to the Romans, (Rom. 1: 14,) "I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise" What did he owe them? The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Why did he owe them the gospel? Because it was made "the power of God; and the wisdom of God in his salvation;" all of grace. The Saviour of sinners having released him from the prison house of despair, by paying all he was due Divine Justice for the violation of an infinitely righteous law. Transferred his claims to the heathen and commissioned Paul to "go and preach to that benighted people in order to pay his debt. Are we redeemed by grace? If so, are we not debtors too? And has our Lord and Saviour not commissioned us to go and preach His gospel to every creature? If so, we are debtor to the heathen until the glorious gospel of the blessed God is proclaimed to earth's remotest bounds.

Resolved therefore, That every pastor in the bounds of this Association be and are hereby requested to preach one or more sermons on Foreign Missions during the next Associational year to their respective churches, and take up a collection for that special object.

Respectfully submitted,
A. R. PITTMAN, Chairman.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Missionary Board was organized soon after the organization of the Association, and appointed missionaries and assigned them their fields of labor, and have so continued to the present time. Through their several labors from time to time, eleven churches have been directly and indirectly organized. The aggregate of their membership is 578 members. Most of these churches have built, without aid from abroad, houses of worship; some of them are among the best and most comfortable in the Association Four of them have, if we mistake not, evergreen Sabbath Schools. Some two or three churches, organized by our missionaries, are now members of other Associations. About the average cost of these several church houses is $38.00, including the work of the several members. Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee are constrained to believe that a more general knowledge of our work as Baptists would have the tendency to awaken our people to a more faithful discharge of their duty; therefore, for our general information, we recommend the *Biblical Record r*, *Kind Words* and *Foreign Mission Journal*.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. FISHER,
C. D NIXON,
W. G. DRAUGHAN,
Committee.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

This caption is one of vast importance The cultivation of the intellectual faculties that God has given us to improve for his glory, our good and the elevation of our race. We labor for the good of the body; to sustain the physical part of our children that must soon die. Let us do all that we can for the immortal mind; to develop all the intellectual powers that God has imparted to distinguish us frem the brute creation. And for the better accomplishment of this desired end, let us endeavor to use our best efforts to build up schools abroad in our country, and by all means unite our efforts to build in our bounds at least one school of high order, that we may prepare our children for college, instead of sending them abroad for preparation. Such a school can and ought to be built up in our midst, and in order to further such enterprise, we suggest the necessity for the appointment of a committee to take into consideration the propriety of such school being built up, and if thought practicable, at what point it should be located. We also urge the education of our young ministers, and that we do all we can to aid them in procuring a liberal education.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. MELVIN, Chm'n.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

The chief design of the State Mission Board is to collect funds from the churches and to expend them in aiding weak churches, and supplying destitute places with the preached word. God has greatly blessed this work, and many of our strongest churches have grown up as the fruits of the labors under this Board. There are at present 18 missionaries sustained in part or entirely by this Board, and their labors have been signally crowned with success this year.

At Lincolnton, Elder A. L. Stough has baptized 31, organized a church and they are now building a neat brick house of worship.

Elder J. H Boothe has organized a strong church at Dallas, in Gaston county. Elder J. D. Hufham is doing a glorious word at Scotland Neck and in the regions around. Elder R T. Vann is succeeding well at Weldon and Enfield, and the Baptist cause is prospering wherever these brethren labor.

There is no interest among us of more importance than that we should cultivate our own State and supply it with the gospel of Jesus. Let us be liberal in our contributions, for the Board is behind and calls for funds that it may pay these noble workers for the labors already performed. We would recommend that our own Executive Board make quarterly reports to the Secretary of the State Mission Board of all missionary work done within our bounds, and keep up hereafter a regular correspondence with the State Mission Board.

ELD. E. D. JOHNSON,
ELD. J. B. DOWNING,
J. F. BYRNE,
Committee.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

The report on this subject for the past year shows about one death for one hundred and three of our membership; the mortuary list is on the decrease somewhat. And while we cherish a fond recollection of the departed ones, we should remember that we too are bound to die. And it should admonish us to also be ready; that it come not unawares, but may we be found with our lamps trimmed and burning for the journey to that bourne from whence no traveller ever returns.

COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD,

FROM OCTOBER, 1878, TO OCTOBER, 1879.

1878		
Oct. 9	To amount on hand,	$ 41 80
Dec. 29	Received at Antioch,	2 20
	Sabbath collection at Antioch,	2 00
1879	Received at Beaver Dam from churches and individuals, viz :	
Mch 29	Rocky Mount,	1 00
	D Smith.	50
	M. McK Smith,	25
	Elder W S Melvin,	25
	Black River Station,	65
	Sabbath collection at Beaver Dam,	2 50
	Received at Rocky Mount from churches and individuals :	
June 28	Cape Fear,	1 20
	Green Spring,	2 50
	Mount Pisgah.	1 01
	Manchester,	1 50
	J. A. R. Howard,	25
	Geo. Newton,	40
	D. W. McGugan,	1 00
	M. Cashwell,	25
	Elder C. S. Cashwell,	25
	Elder J. G. Fisher,	25
	M. Strickland,	25
	Elder J. M. Beasley,	50
	Black River Station, through W.S. Melvin	2 00
	A Friend,	25
	Elder D. Newton,	50
Aug. 30	Received from churches and individuals at Green Spring.	
	From Providence Church,	3 08
	" Bladen Union,	2 76
	" W. H. McDonald,	25
	" Rocky Mount,	65
	" M. Hall.	25
	" D. McNeill,	25
	" Elder W. S. Melvin,	25
	" N. Johnson,	25
	" Troy Fisher,	25
	" Elder C. S. Cashwell,	25
	" Black River Station, through Elder W. S. Melvin,	1 55
	" Sabbath collection at Green Spring	4 29
Oct. 17	Received from churches and friends at White Oak Association, through Finance Committee :	
	From Brier Branch,	5 50
	" Lebanon,	1 05
	" Elder J. G. Fisher,	50
	" A. A. McKaskill,	25

REPORT OF TREASURER ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD—*Continued.*

1879 Oct. 17.	From Sharon church,........................	2 50		
	To one-third collection on Sabbath at Association, ...	3 84		
	Other sources from Finance Committee,	39 47		
	Total amount from all sources,......		$	130 45
	DISBURSEMENTS			
M'ch 29	Paid to Elder W. S. Melvin,..................	9 00		
	" Elder D. N. Newton,.....................	1 50		
June 29	" Elder W. S. Melvin,.....................	9 00		
	" Elder D. N.Newton,.....................	4 50		
Aug. 30	" Elder W. S. Melvin, ...	6 00		
	" Elder C. S. Cashwell,.....................	7 50		
Oct. 17	" Elder J. M. Beasley for W. C. West,	4 50		
			$	42 00
	Balance on hand October 17th, 1879,		$	88 45

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. McGUGAN, Treas. Board.

F. M. WILLIS, IN ACCOUNT WITH
CEDAR CREEK ASSOCIATION FOR 1878-'9.

1878 Oct.	Balance Minute Fund on hand of 1877-'8,.	$ 4 00	
	Minute Fund received October, 1878,.....	52 27	
	Total Minute Fund,.		$ 56 27
	Home Mission fund received October, 1878	55 54	
	Foreign Mission, October, 1878,..........	57 02	
	Received from Elder E. D. Johnson,.....	5 00	
	" " " R. Newton,........	3 00	
	" " " Wm. S. Johnson,....	5 00	
	" " " C. S Cashwell, ...	1 00	
	" " " J. H. Tatum,.......	2 00	
	One-half collection on Sabbath at White Lake, ...	7 70	
	Total for Foreign Missions, ...		$ 80 72
	One-half collection on Sabbath at White Lake for State Missions,.............	7 70	
	For Education,......	3 92	
			11 62
	Total of all amounts,.................		$ 204 15
	CR.		
	Paid D. W. McGugan, Treasurer of the Associational Board at White Lake,...	55 54	
	Clerk's salary,..............	15 00	$ 70 54
	Leaving a balance of....................		$ 133 61
	Due as follows:		
	For printing minutes,.....	40 00	
	" Foreign Missions,....................	80 72	
	" State Missions, ...	7 70	
	" Education, ...	3 92	
	Balance over,..........................	1 27	$ 133 61

F. M. WILLIS, Treas. C. C. A.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minbte Fund.	Associational Missi'ns	Foreign Missi'ns	Education.	State Missi'ns.
Cape Fear,	$ 1 20	$	$ 3 76	$	
Cedar Creek,	2 00	4 04	4 00		
Lebanon,	2 00				
Fayetteville,	3 00	2 51	2 50	3 50	
Rockfish,	1 20				
Manchester,	1 00	1 50			
Judson,	1 25	2 60	2 00		
Antioch,	1 00	1 10	50	5 00	
Cedar Falls,	1 00				
Mount Tabor,	1 50	1 25			
Rocky Mount,	50	50	5 25		
Mount Pisgah	3 00				
Cumberland Union,	1 50	1 00	2 82		
Beaver Dam,	1 35		4 55		
Corinth,					
Mount Pleasant,	1 00				
Smith's Chapel,	60				
Cypress Creek,	2 40				
Brier Branch,	2 00				
White Oak,	5 00	3 35	3 00		
White Lake,	3 00	7 00	8 25		
Shiloh,	3 30	1 55	1 55		
Bladen Union,	2 00	1 70	1 75		
Sharon,	2 25	87			
Sugg's Grove,	25				
Green Spring,	1 50	2 00	5 40		
Great Marsh,	70	3 50	3 32		
Providence,	3 55		18 00		
Saddletree,	1 50	5 00	2 35		
COLLECTIONS AT ASSOCIATION.					
The following churches further contributed to their Minute Fund, viz:					
Cape Fear,	1 50				
Cedar Creek,	1 00				
Green Spring,	1 50				
Mount Tabor,	1 00				
Total,	$ 55 70	$ 53 11	$ 75 84	$ 8 50	$ 17 42

CHAS. D. NIXON,
J. H. TATUM.
Finance Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Expelled.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Total Whites	Colored.	SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.					POST OFFICES.
											Teachers.	Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	Papess taken.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	
Cape Fear,	2	14	1	...	4	2	37	60	97	...	6	40	100	...	Elder A. R Pittman,	Gray's Creek
Cedar Creek,	.....	1	1	16	3	...	50	128	178	...	.....	......	......	...		
Lebanon,	3	1	...	2	5	...	31	54	85	...	6	45	50	...	T. W. Devane,	Fayetteville.
Fayetteville,	7	10	5	7	5	3	45	206	251	...	12	108	350	...	A H Watson,	Fayetteville.
Rockfish,	1	1	...	...	2	...	14	55	69	...	8	50	50	...	M. Morgan,	Hope Mills
Manchester,	1	5	...	3	1	...	25	62	87	3	5	55	175	...	David Kivett,	Manchester.
Judson,	7	4	1	7	2	1	34	46	80	...	5	56	120	...	I. Sessoms, M. B. Fort,	Fayetteville
Antioch,	6	...	...	2	2	1	46	69	115	...	5	58	98	...	I. Strickland,	Kyle's Landing.
Cedar Falls,	1	5	...	...	...	...	8	7	15	...	.....	......	......	...		
Mount Tabor,	1	3	...	...	...	..	7	11	18	...	5	25	......	...	C. D. Nixon,	Little River Acad'my
Rocky Mount,	2	1	...	...	...	...	16	14	30	...	4	20	......	...	Geo. Newton,	Fayetteville.
Mount Pisgah,	1	5	...	2	...	2	35	44	79	...	8	40	......	...	Wm S Fisher,	Fayetteville.
Cumberland Union,	6	5	...	1	...	...	32	34	66	...	6	50	......	...	A. Thagard,	Cedar Creek.
Beaver Dam,	11	1	4	5	1	2	39	73	112	...	8	75	100	...	C. C. Bullard,	Clay Fork.
Corinth,	.....	...	...	...	...	...	10	30	40	...	.....	......	......	...		Clay Fork.
Mount Pleasant,	2	3	...	2	...	1	27	33	60	...	3	30	60	...	Joseph Rogers,	Clay Fork.
Smith's Chapel,	.....	...	...	1	...	...	37	42	79	...	4	40	......	...	R. Cain,	
Cypress Creek,	10	...	2	2	1	2	37	48	85	...	5	35	......	12	A. S. Smith,	Cypress Creek.
Brier Branch,	1	2	...	3	...	...	39	54	93	...	.....	......	......	...		
White Oak,	.....	6	...	2	1	...	67	104	171	...	8	60	125	42	J. W. Fuller,	White Oak.
White Lake,	12	4	2	3	4	2	47	81	128	...	6	49	66	...	G. W. Thomas,	Little Sugar Loaf.

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Shiloh,	3	1	3	5	...	2	18	39	57	...	5	25	......	...	W. A. Butler,	Willis' Creek
Bladen Union,	29	2	3	3	5	1	44	63	107	...	4	20	75	...	R. M. Tolar,	Willis' Creek.
Sharon,	6	4	1	...	1	...	26	22	48	...	4	38	......	...	F P. Smith,	Clay Fork.
Sugg's Grove,*	.....	...	...	...	...	...	8	10	48	...	.....	......	......	...	....	
Green Spring,	5	...	1	16	3	1	30	67	97	...	2	25	......	...	M. Cashwell,	Roslin.
Great Marsh,	17	6	...	7	3	...	58	58	116	4	5	40	50	...	Wm. S Johnson,	St. Pauls.
Providence,	6	3	1	1	...	2	28	41	69	...	2	20	350	...	S. J. Cobb, Sr ,	Lumber Bridge.
Saddletree,	5	6	1	4	2	1	60	63	123	...	.....	......	......	...	....	
Total for 1879,	145	93	26	94	45	23	955	1618	2573	7	126	1044	1769			
Total for 1878,	.....	...	..	...	...	...	811	1453	2443							
Net gain,	.....	...	...	...	...	...	144	165	130							

*1878.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.
Cape Fear,	A. R Pittman,	Gray's Creek, N. C.	N. H. Jones,	Roslin, N. C.
Cedar Creek,	R. Newton,	Fayetteville, “	R. A. Melvin,	Cedar Creek, “
Lebanon,	John M. Beasley,	Fayetteville, “	C. T. Guy,	Fayetteville, “
Fayetteville,	N. B. Cobb,	Fayetteville, “	I. Hollingsworth,	Fayetteville, “
Rockfish,	....	....	J. Muslewhite,	Hope Mills, “
Manchester,	W. C. West,	Fayetteville, “	D Kivett,	Manchester, “
Judson,	J. G. Fisher,	Roslin, “	W. F Sessoms,	Fayetteville, “
Antioch,	W. M. Page,	Hawley's Store, “	Isaac Strickland.	Kyle's Landing “
Cedar Falls,	W. C. West,	Fayetteville, “	C. D. Gilmore,	Fayetteville, “
Mount Tabor,	Wm. Brunt.	Lillington, “	C. D. Nixon,	Little R. Acad. “
Rocky Mount,	J. G. Fisher,	Roslin, “	D. N. Newton,	Fayetteville, “
Mount Pisgah,	John M. Beasley,	Fayetteville, “	Wm. S. Fisher,	Fayetteville, “
Cumberland Union,	E. D. Johnson,	St Paul's, “	George F. Thagard,	Cedar Creek, “
Beaver Dam,	J B. Downing,	Clay Fork, “	P. P Hall,	Clay Fork, “
Corinth,	....	....	John Horne,	Clay Fork, “
Mount Pleasant,	C. E. Beard,	Fayetteville, N. C.	J. Horne,	Clay Fork, “
Smith's Chapel,	....	....	W. R. Carter,	
Cypress Creek,	J. B. Downing,	Cedar Creek, N. C.	M. McK. Smith,	Cypress Creek, “
Brier Branch,	F. A. Prevatt,	Lumberton, “	W. T. Jessup,	White Oak, “
White Oak,	Wm. S. Melvin,	White Oak, “	D. M Melvin,	White Oak, “
White Lake,	Wm. S. Melvin,	White Oak, “	Wm. H Russ,	Little Sug'rLoaf“
Shiloh,	Wm. S. Melvin,	White Oak, “	Wm. J. Averitt,	Willis' Creek, “
Bladen Union,	J G. Fisher,	Roslin, “	A. G. Tyson,	Willis' Creek, “
Sharon,	Wm. S. Melvin,	White Oak, “	F. P. Smith,	Clay Fork, “
Sugg's Grove,	....	....	....	
Green Spring,	A. R. Pittman,	Gray's Creek, N. C.	M. Cashwell,	Roslin, “
Great Marsh,	E. D. Johnson,	St. Paul's, “	J M Johnson,	St. Paul's, “
Providence,	J. Munroe,	Laurel Hill, “	D. W. McGugan,	Dundarrach, “
Saddletree,	E. D. Johnson,	St. Paul's, “	S. R. Davis,	Lumberton, “

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EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 1880-81.

Churches and Members.

Cape Fear—J. F. Byrne.
Cedar Creek—D. L. Smith.
Lebanon—John S. Beard.
Fayetteville—W. J. Tolar.
Rockfish—Jno. Muslewhite.
Manchester—R. Brooks.
Judson—J. Horn.
Antioch—A. Bain.
Mt. Tabor—C. D. Nixon.
Cedar Falls—T. R. Taylor.
Rocky Mount—D. N. Newton.
Mt. Pisgah—Elder J. M. Beasley.
Cumberland Union—E. J. Edwards.
Beaver Dam—H. Jones.
Corinth—D. Carter.

Churches and Members.

Mount Pleasant—J. Horne.
Smith's Chapel—W. R. Carter.
Cypress Creek—M. McK. Smith.
Brier Branch—J. H. Tatum.
White Oak—D. B. Melvin.
White Lake—J. W. Green.
Shiloh—I. McGhee.
Sharon—G. F. Melvin.
Bladen Union—D. Register.
Sugg's Grove—P. Melvin.
Green Spring—M. Cashwell.
Great Marsh—W. S. Johnson.
Providence—D. W. McGugan.
Saddletree—W. R. Johnson.
Jackson Swamp—Elder N. Mercer.

Ordained Ministers and their Post Offices.

J. M. Beasley, Fayetteville, N. C.
C. E. Beard, Fayetteville. N. C.
C. S. Cashwell, Roslin, N. C.
J. H. Cobb, Lumber Bridge, N. C.
N. B. Cobb, Fayetteville, N. C.
J. B. Downing, Cedar Creek, N. C.
J. G. Fisher, Roslin, N. C.
E. D. Johnson, St. Paul's, N. C.

E. Martin, White Oak, N. C.
L. Bryan, Elizabethtown. N. C.
W. S. Melvin, White Oak, N. C.
R. Newton. Fayetteville, N. C.
A. R. Pitman. Gray's Creek. N. C.
D. N. Newton, Fayetteville, N. C.
W. C. West, Fayetteville, N. C.
N. Mercer, Lumberton N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

Tuesday, October 12th, 1880.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder E. D. Johnson from 2nd Cor., chap. 5th, 14th verse: "For the love of Christ constraineth us." At the close of the sermon an interval of half an hour was given for refreshments.

The Association was then called to order by Moderator, Elder N. B. Cobb, who reads, and the congregation sings the hymn: "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" The Moderator then read the 1st Psalm. Prayer was then offered, Elder T. Harrison leading.

Appointed Elder A. R. Pitman and W. J. Tolar reading clerks.

Appointed L. Humphrey and Wm. S. Fisher as a Committee on Finance.

The Church Letters were then called for and read, and the names of delegates enrolled as follows:

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Cape Fear.—Elder A. R. Pitman, J. T. Tolar, N. H. Jones.
Cedar Creek.—D. L. Smith, G. R. Thagard, B. M. Smith.
Lebanon.—T. W. Devane, J. S. Beard, P. D. Beard.
Antioch.—G. W. Starling, I. Strickland.
Cedar Falls.—T. R. Taylor, W. C. Parker, J. R. Buie.
Mt. Tabor.—R. R. Bell, J. Rearidon.
Manchester.—R. Howard, Wm. McBuie.
Rocky Mount.—Elder R. Newton, I. T. Newton, D. N. Newton.
Fayetteville.—W. J. Tolar, Elder N. B. Cobb, M. Powers.
Rockfish.—J. Muslewhite.
Mt. Pisgah.—Elder J. M. Beasley, W. H. Tomlinson, W. S. Fisher.
Judson.—A. J. Bullard, J. T. Honrine, W. H. Melvin.
Cumberland Union.—Jas. Marsh, N. Cashwell, E M. Hall.
Beaver Dam.—D. Bullard, D. S. Bullard, P. P. Hall.
Sharon.—S. Horn, J. B. Melvin.

SAMPSON COUNTY.

Corinth.—Not Represented.
Mt. Pleasant.—Represented by letter.
Smith's Chapel.—C. E. Beard, C. Cain, J. Z. Rich.

BLADEN COUNTY.

Cypress Creek.—A S. Smith, T. M. Smith.
Brier Branch.—J. H. Tatum, B. Downing.
White Oak.—Elder Wm. S. Melvin, D. B. Melvin, W. F. Melvin.

White Lake.—W. J. Blackwell, J. W. Green, J. W. Russ.
Shiloh.—I. McGhee, W. H. Butler.
Bladen Union.—F. Davis, D. Register, A. H Tolar.
Sugg's Grove.—Not Represented.

ROBESON COUNTY.

Green Spring.—Elder J. G. Fisher, M. Cashwell.
Great Marsh.—Elder E. D. Johnson, M. J. Willoughby, W. S. Johnson.
Providence.—Elder J. H. Cobb, D. W. McGugan, J. W. Cobb.
Saddletree.—L. Humphrey, J. A. McDonald, W. R. Johnson.
Jackson Swamp.—Elder N. Mercer, S. Allen, R. Q. Butler.

The term of the officers of the Association having expired, the Association proceeded to ballot for the same. Elder E. D. Johnson was elected Moderator, and D. W. McGugan Clerk and Treasurer.

Extended an invitation to churches wishing to connect with us. The Church at Jackson Swamp, in Robeson County, a newly-constituted church, was duly received into the Association, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

Extended an invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. Elder T. H. Pritchard, D. D., President of Wake Forest College, presented himself in behalf of the Board of Education. Elder T. Harrison, Agent for the Foreign Mission Board, presented himself. Both were welcomed to seats. Brother J. B. Downing, from the South River Association, presented himself as a Messenger, and was welcomed to a seat.

Appointed the Pastor and Deacons of Judson Church a committee on Preaching Exercises.

Appointed the male members of Judson Church a Committee of Vigilance.

Committees, appointed at last session on the different subjects, were then called on to report.

The report on Home and Indian Missions was presented and read, with addresses from Elder T. H. Pritchard, D. D., and Elder A. R. Pitman. The report was adopted. [See Appendix.]

On motion, it was agreed that Elder T. Harrison preach the Missionary sermon on to-morrow (Wednesday) instead of Elder N. B. Cobb, the appointee.

The Association then adjourned until 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

Prayer offered, Elder A. R. Pitman leading. Benediction by the Moderator.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Oct. 13th.

The Association convened at the appointed hour. The Moderator read the 8th Psalm. Prayer was offered, Elder T. H. Pritchard leading.

Proceedings of the previous day read and approved. Churches not represented on yesterday were called, their letters read, and the names of delegates enrolled. The invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren was then renewed.

Appointed Elders J. M. Beasley and W. C. West a committee to select writers and subjects for the next session.

Appointed Elder J. G. Fisher to prepare a report on Sabbath Schools, to be presented at this session.

The report on Foreign Missions was then presented, and after addresses by Elders T. H. Pritchard, D. D., and T. Harrison, the report was laid on the table until the afternoon.

The Association then adjourned to the stand to hear the Missionary Sermon.

Elder Harrison read the 824th hymn. Prayer, Elder A. R. Pitman leading. Text, Job: 35th chap., latter part of 3rd verse: "What profit shall I have, if I be cleansed from my sin?"

At the close of the sermon a collection was taken up, in behalf of Foreign Missions, amounting to $17 60.

The Association was then called off for half an hour for refreshments. Benediction by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order, and the report laid on the table in the forenoon was taken up and adopted.

The Report on Education was presented and read. The Association was then addressed at some length, by Elder T. H. Pritchard, D. D. At the close of his address a collection, in pledges and cash, was had, amounting to $90 00.

Resolved, That the next session of this body be held with the Church at Cumberland Union, Cumberland County, to meet on Tuesday after the second Sabbath in October, 1881. Elder J. B. Downing to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder J. G. Fisher, alternate; Elder R. Newton to preach the Missionary Sermon on Wednesday; Elder J. M. Beasley, alternate.

Corresponding Messengers appointed at last session called on to report. Elders A. R. Pitman and E. D. Johnson attended the "Cape Fear," and were cordially received; Elder E. D. Johnson attended the "Waccamaw," and was cordially received; Elder J. M. Beasley attended the "Little River," and was also cordially received.

Appointed W. J. Tolar and Elder L. Bryan a committee to appoint Corresponding Messengers.

Appointed Elders A. R. Pitman and R. Newton a committee to appoint delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

The report on Periodicals was then presented and read; and, after addresses by different persons, the report was adopted.

The Association then adjourned until to-morrow (Thursday) morning. Prayer offered, Brother I. McGhee leading. Benediction by the Moderator.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 14th.

Association met at the appointed hour. Elder Beasley read the 8th chapter of Romans; Hymn 615th; prayer was offered, Brother I. McGhee leading.

Names of delegates were called and the absentees marked. The minutes of the previous day were read and approved. Invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren renewed. Brother D. T. Averitt, from the South River Association, presented himself and was welcomed to a seat. The Association then gave way to a meeting of the Associational Board.

The Association was again called to order. Appointed Elders J. G. Fisher, R. Newton, and W. C. West a committee to select the Associational Board.

Extended an invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren.

Elder J. T. Townsend, of the South River Association, presented himself, and was welcomed to a seat.

The Report on Intemperance was then presented and read, and after addresses from Brothers Smith and Tomlinson, and Elders T. Harrison and A. R. Pitman, the report was adopted.

The Report of the Associational Board was then read and ordered to be appended.

The Report on Associational Missions was then read and ordered to be appended.

The report on State Missions was presented and read; and, after addresses from Elders T. Harrison, R. Newton and J. M. Beasley, the report was adopted and ordered to be appended.

The Association was then called off for half an hour for refreshments. Benediction by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association was called to order again. Devotional exercises were dispensed with.

The report on Sabbath Schools was then read, and after several addresses the report was adopted.

The report on School Extension was read and ordered to be appended.

The report on Ministerial Support was read, and after several addresses the report was adopted.

The report on High Schools was then read and ordered to be appended.

The committee to appoint Corresponding Messengers reported the following:

TO THE WACCAMAW.—Elder E. D. Johnson and Brother L. Humphrey.
TO THE CAPE FEAR.—Elders A. R. Pitman and E. D. Johnson.
TO THE SOUTH RIVER.—D. Bullard and W. H. Melvin.
TO THE SANDY CREEK.—Elders J. M. Beasley and W. C. West.
TO THE RALEIGH.—Elder N. B. Cobb, and W. H. Tomlinson.
TO THE LITTLE RIVER—C. D. Nixon and W. J. Draughon.

The Committee on writers and subjects for next session report the following:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Elder A. R. Pitman.
SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Elder L. Bryan.
HOME AND INDIAN MISSIONS.—Elder R. Newton.
STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION.—D. W. McGugan.
PERIODICALS.—Elder J. B. Downing.
EDUCATION.—D. B. Melvin.
CHURCH EXTENSION.—Elder W. S. Melvin.
INTEMPERANCE.—M H. Bullard.
MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.—Elder J. G. Fisher.

The following were appointed delegates to the Baptist State State Convention: C. D. Nixon, D. W. McGugan, W. Draughon, Elder E. D. Johnson, Elder J. B. Downing, Elder A. R. Pitman, Elder J. M. Beasley, Elder R. Newton, Elder N. B. Cobb, M. J. Willoughby, I. McGhee, S. J. Cobb, Sr., R. J. McNair, A. S. Smith, and T. J. Tolar.

The Committee to appoint the Associational Board reported, and the report was accepted.

The following resolution was unanimously passed:

Resolved, That the heartiest thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of the community for the very bountiful and pleasant manner in which they have entertained the Delegates and Visitors during the session.

Ordered, That the Clerk have $15 00 for his services.

Agreed that the Clerk have as many copies of minutes printed as the funds in hand will justify.

Treasurer then reported to the Association, and the report was received.

Agreed that the Association take steps immediately to satisfy the claims of the Board of Education.

The Association then adjourned until time and place next appointed.

The Association sang the hymn, "Blest be the Tie That Binds." Prayer was offered, Elder J. H. Cobb leading.

Benediction by the Moderator.

E. D. JOHNSON, MODERATOR.

D. W. McGUGAN, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD.

The first meeting was held with the Church at Cumberland Union on the 29th of November, 1879. The Missionaries reported nineteen days' services during the first quarter:

Elder A. R. Pitman, four days.

W. S. Melvin, ten days.

Elder W. C. West, three days.

Elder W. W. Willis, two days.

The Missionaries were continued in their field of labor, except Elder A. R. Pitman, who was discontinued at his own request.

Our second meeting was held on the 28th of February, 1880, at the Great Marsh Church. The Missionaries reported 15 days' labor, as follows:

Elder W. C. West, three days.

Elder W. W. Willis, six days at Pates' Station.

Elder W. S. Melvin, six days at his station between South and Cape Fear Rivers.

The Missionaries were all continued in their former fields of labor for the ensuing quarter.

Our third meeting was held with the Church at Green Spring on May 29th, 1880. The Missionaries reported nine days' labor, as follows:

Elder W. S. Melvin, three days at his station.

Elder W. W. Willis, six days.

Elder W. C. West presented no report on account of sickness in his family.

Elders W. S. Melvin and W. W. Willis were continued at their former stations. Elder C. S. Cashwell was appointed to visit Beaver Creek once a week for the ensuing quarter.

Our fourth meeting was held with the Church at Mt. Tabor on the 28th of August, 1880. The Missionaries reported twelve days' labor, as follows:

Elder W. W. Willis, six days.

Elder C. S. Cashwell, six days.

Elder W. S. Melvin failed to report.

The Missionaries were all continued at their respective stations until the meeting of the Association.

Our last meeting was held at Judson, on the 14th of October, 1880, with the meeting of the Association. The Missionaries reported nineteen days' labor, as follows:

Elder C. S. Cashwell, two days, he having returned to the college to pursue his studies.

Elder W. W. Willis, seventeen days at Pate's Station; baptised eleven persons; received one by experience. No other report.

And now, dear brethren and sisters, this is certainly encouraging to those who have contributed to send the Gospel to those who are destitute of the same. Still the cry is sounding in our land: "Come over and help us!"

Let us not grow weary in well doing.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. BEASLEY, Chairman.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We believe that the results of the Sabbath School in the past are sufficient to prove that it is a great power for good, and therefore demands the attention of all good people. We would advise all our Ministers to make a special effort during the ensuing year to arouse the Churches to this great and important work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. FISHER, Chairman.

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

It has been estimated that the people of North Carolina pay annually about $1,000,000 for Education; $268,880 for their religion, and the enormous sum of $8,500,960 for liquor! All the 200,000 bales of cotton raised in the State will not pay for the liquor of our people by $500,000.

Add to this destruction of life, and the crime and suffering caused by the use of spirituous liquors, and you will see good reason for increased interest to stop the manufacture and sale of the destructive article. We should become alarmed and try to multiply our efforts to stop the sale of liquor.

COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee submit the following: That the Great Commision is: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

And, now, our work will not be done until that is accomplished, and it is the duty of every Baptist in the whole world to help on the cause until "the knowledge of God shall cover the earth, as the waters cover the great deep."

And now, Brethren, let us go to work in earnest, and may the Lord help us in our prayer.

E. D. JOHNSON, Chairman.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The first Missionary sent to heathen land demanded of us a stated amount by which the transportation across the ocean, and the support of that Missionary while in foreign lands, could be sustained. Let us observe that this course was absolutely necessary to sustain the work: to bear the Gospel to a people rejecting the knowledge of the only true and living God, unasked for but sent. There was no other plan of opening the way of salvation to such a people. Therefore, it was absolutely necessary. Here a question naturally arises in our minds as to the contrast—the difference between the Christian and the Heathen land. We claim in these United States to be a Christian people, acknowledging the Bible to be the "Word of God."

Both State and National authorities acknowledge this in our Constitutional Enactments.

Then, unlike the heathen, we have a declaration everywhere of the only living and true God.

And here another question arises:—Wherefore the necessity, in a Christian land, to require or demand a stipulated sum for the work to be performed? Is it asking too much? Are we not commanded to "go and preach the Gospel to all nations"—to every creature? It is true we are told in His Word we are to live by the Gospel. Grant it:—we shall all live by the Gospel. But where can we find in the Word of God any authority for specified salaries? We are therefore persuaded in the premises to come to the conclusion that we have advanced in error; and that the precedent of our predecessors gave rise to this state of embarrassment in Ministerial Support; gave rise to a want of faith; had a tendency, in other words, to weaken our faith. Look! Behold! The man of God going forth, preaching the Gospel in all its power, with his whole energy, bent on the salvation of souls. Look! See with what success he is crowned; but in our own field of labor what are we doing? Much, it is true, but more might be accomplished, without talking about the necessity of going to the plow-handles. What did Christ say to Peter, John, and others? "Come and follow me." If He called you, my brother, you will follow Him, and there will be no necessity to go to the plow-handles: you have a field of labor, and in it you will work.

It might be somewhat justifiable for a tiller of the soil—not having the energy and will to successfully cultivate the soil—to quit and go at something that does not require so much sacrifice. But not so with those called to the Ministry to labor for the salvation of souls.

Brethren, we must take up our cross and follow Christ, or we must reap the reward of the sluggard—the indifferent to the call of Christ.

In conclusion, we are constrained to favor the idea that any organization calling itself a branch of the Church of Christ—if truly a christian organization—will pay for their support; in other words, will support their Pastor without the necessity of assessments, but with free-will contributions. And if the Pastor is a true soldier in the cause of Christ he will not be trammeled: he will preach the Gospel—he will live by the Gospel—God ruling in and over all.

LAYMAN.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your Committee can make no better report than was made last year, except to add some additional work.

The Missionary Board was organized a few hours after the Association, and appointed Missionaries and assigned them fields of labor, and have so continued to the present meeting.

Through their several labors from time to time twelve churches have been directly and indirectly organized. The aggregate of their membership is now about 700. The most of these churches have built (without aid from abroad) houses of worship. (One new house the past year.) Some of them are among the best and most comfortable in the Association. Several of them have "evergreen" Sabbath Schools.

Some two or three of these churches, organized by our Missionaries, became members of other Associations because of convenience. About the aggregate cost of these church houses is $4,000, including the work of the members.

May the Lord still encourage and bless our work!

J. M. BEASLEY, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME AND INDIAN MISSIONS.

The Home and Indian Mission Board embraces in its field of operations all the Southern States and the hunting-grounds of the wild Indians of the far West.

Included in this vast extent of territory are the various tribes of Indians, who have survived the many cruel wars waged against them by the civilized world, in order to possess the fertile lands they owned by right of possession as the aboriginees of this continent.

Also about 200,000 Chinese Immigrants, from Heathen China, seemingly sent of God to us that we might teach them the Way of Life and salvation, to whom Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., is now preaching the "Glorious Gospel" of the Blessed God.

As recipients of the means of salvation from the liberality of pious ancestors and self-sacrificing heralds of the Cross, the duty devolves upon us to furnish all these benighted ones the means of grace—the bread of life—the glad tidings that reveal a Saviour to the perishing.

This Board has done a great work for God and His glorious cause, by sending out pioneer preachers, occupying and cultivating destitute fields, civilizing the wild Indians, and leading thousands from nature's darkness to the light of Divine Truth. And had the funds been given to this Board, to be used by it in preaching Christ and Him crucified to the poor Indian, that have been expended in cruel wars for their extermination, long ago they and we would have rejoiced together in view of the glories to be shared by those of every nation and every tongue whose garments are made white in the blood of the Lamb.

This Board is one of the most efficient instrumentalities that is now in operation for the accomplishment of the ends that we have in view, as a body of Christians at work for the Lord.

Therefore, let us do all we can to keep this important agent actively at work, and develop its full strength in the Lord's Vineyard. "The fields are white unto the harvest. Send forth more laborers into the harvest."

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. PITMAN.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The subject of education is of vast importance in the rise and progress of all nations and every people. And yet how little it seems to arrest the attention of our people. While we meet time and again, and pass resolution after resolution in reference to its inefficiency in fitting man for the highest and most responsible duties of this life, there still appears to be a want of co-operation, a want of support to our institutions of learning within our own immediate bounds. It has been mentioned as practicable the building up of a first-class preparatory school, where our sons and daughters might be better qualified to receive the benefits now offered by our Colleges, and thereby remove somewhat the obstacles now blockading the avenue of success. Education and money, as all are obliged to admit, are two of the greatest means that we can employ as helps in the furtherance of every duty incumbent on man.

Therefore, in view of all the light as to the efficiency of those means within our reach, let us endeavor to co-operate and go forward and receive the benefits God has so bountifully bestowed.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. MELVIN, Chairman.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the Associational High School, would recommend the building up of one or more such schools in our bounds, to be located at such place or places where means or material aid can be secured to furnish suitable buildings, and a sufficient amount of patronage can be secured to support such school and schools.

We regard the vicinity of Cape Fear Church as a suitable location, provided the necessary funds can be raised to complete the buildings. Meanwhile, we recommend the White Oak School as worthy of our patronage, until such school can be put into operation.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Inasmuch as we esteem general Unity of the Church the highest order of success, and as we cannot accomplish this thoroughly save through the medium of a well-regulated Periodical: We would therefore recommend the *Biblical Recorder* and *Foreign Mission* to every Baptist family in the bounds of the Cedar Creek Association, and *Kind Words* for the Sabbath Schools. And we further recommend that your body appoint an active member of each Church as agents for the above periodicals.

Respectfully submitted,
M. H. BULLARD, Chairman.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission Board has done and is still doing much valuable and permanent good.

We think, however, that the work would be more effectual if each District Association would organize a Mission Board of its own, and the same efforts made by these several boards that is being made by the State Mission Board, in our judgment, the work of State Missions would be materially benefitted.

Let each Board report at the close of the Associational year to the Convention the entire mission work of the year. A small capital can be made to yield a better per cent. than a large one. These Boards would very naturally feel more interested in their own Associational Mission work, and we think the work can be reached through these several Boards better than it can through one State Board.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. BEASLEY, Chairman.

REPORT ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

Your Committee on Church Extension know of no new buildings for Divine worship being erected in our bounds, though many churches need better houses; even the poor heathen would not worship their idol gods in such houses as we often meet in to worship the great Jehovah.

All our Church buildings should be made neat and comfortable, well-seated, plastered, and furnished with stoves. We owe this much to God, and we should lend mutual aid to weak bodies, helping each other thus to build for the Lord such houses as will best promote His worship, and honor the cause of Him who was rich and became poor that we might be rich.

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. MELVIN, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

D. W. McGUGAN in Account with

Cedar Creek Baptist Association for 1879-'80.

1879.			
	Received from Finance Committee Minute Fund at White Oak	$ 50 55	
	Collections for same on Saturday	5 25	
Nov. 29	For the same object at Cumberland Union.	8 75	
1880.	For the same object at Great Marsh Feb. 28.	5 50	$ 70 05
1879.	On hand for previous year	$ 39 80	
Oct. 17th	Received from Financial Committee for Associational Missions	39 47	
	One-third collection on the Sabbath for the same	3 84	
Nov. 29	Received at Cumberland Union from churches and friends	3 20	
1880. Feb.	Great Marsh, from churches and friends,	17 55	
May 29	Received from churches, stations and friends at Green Spring	18 46	
Aug. 29	Received at Mt. Tabor, from churches, stations and friends, including Sabbath collections.	13 63	
Oct. 14	Rec'd at Judson at Association from friends churches and Mission stations	10 61	146 56
	Received from the Financial Committee for Foreign Missions, October 17, 1879,	69 90	
	One-third of Sabbath collection	3 84	
	Rec'd from Fayetteville Church through Elder N. B. Cobb, $2 50, A. Bain, 40 cents,	2 90	
May 30th	Rec'd one-half Sabbath collection at Green Spring,	2 50	79 14
	STATE MISSIONS.		
Oct. 18	Rec'd from collection on Saturday at Association	13 58	
	One-third Sabbath collection	3 84	
	One half of the collection at Green Spring May 30th, 1880,	2 50	19 92
	Total amount from all sources,		$ 315 67
	DISBURSEMENTS.		
	Paid to Edwards & Broughton for printing Minutes of 1878	40 00	
	To the same for 1879	30 00	$ 70 00
	Paid to Jordan Womble, Treasurer Baptist State Convention October 30th, 1879:		
	For Foreign Missions	76 24	
	" State "	17 42	
	Paid to B. F. Montague, Treasurer of Baptist State Convention, June 5, 1880:		
	For Foreign Missions	2 50	
1879.	" State "	2 50	98 66
Nov. 29	Paid to Missionaries at Cumberland Union:		
	To Elder A. R. Pitman	6 00	
	To Elder W. S. Melvin	15 00	

TREASURER'S REPORT—*Continued.*

1879.			
Nov. 29	Cumberland Union—continued.—		
	To Elder W. C. West	$ 4 50	
	" " W. W. Willis	3 00	$ 28 50
1880.	Paid to Missionaries at Great Marsh:		
Feb. 28	To Elder W. S. Melvin	9 00	
	" " W. C. West	4 50	
	" " W. W. Willis	9 00	22 50
	Paid to Missionaries at Green Spring:		
May 29	To Elder W. S. Melvin	4 50	
	" " W. W. Willis	9 00	13 50
	Paid to Missionaries at Mount Tabor:		
Aug. 28	To Elder C. S. Cashwell	9 00	
	" " W. W. Willis,	9 00	18 00
	Paid to Missionaries at the Association:		
Oct. 14	To Elder W. W. Willis	25 50	
	" " C. S. Cashwell	3 00	28 50
	Leaving a balance in hand, in favor of the Associational Board of	35 56	35 56
	For Postal Orders or Exchange	80	
	" postage on the manuscript of the Minutes	27	
	For Epress on Minutes	50	1 57

To the above we append the report of the collections from time to time in aid of the Beneficiaries at Wake Forest College:

Received at Antioch December 28th, 1878,	$21 95
" " Beaver Dam March 29th, 1879,	15 69
" " Rocky Mount June 28th, 1879,	1 25
" " Green Spring August 30th, 1879,	1 00
" " White Oak, October 18th, from the Financial Committee	10 90
" " Cumberland Union November 29th, 1879,	3 75
" " Great Marsh February 29th, 1880,	13 42
" " Mt. Tabor August 28th, 1880,	1 50
" " Judson October 14th, (Manchester:—Sharon Churches,)	4 00
" from Financial Committee	8 40
" " Churches and Individuals	15 50
" " hat collection at Association	3 00
	$100 36

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associational Missi'ns	Foreign Missi'ns	Education.	State Missi'ns
Cape Fear,	$ 1 00	$ 5 71	$	$	$
Cedar Creek,	2 50		3 55		1 55
Lebanon,	2 00		2 00		
Fayetteville,	3 00		1 25		7 00
Rockfish,	55				
Manchester,	70	2 50	1 55	25	
Judson,	1 50	2 53	2 54		
Antioch,	2 30			1 10	
Cedar Falls,	1 65		3 50		
Mount Tabor,	1 50	1 21	1 15	2 00	
Rocky Mount,	60	20	7 75	1 00	2 00
Mount Pisgah,	2 00				
Cumberland Union,	2 00		5 25		5 00
Beaver Dam,	1 30		1 68		
Corinth,					
Mount Pleasant,	80		1 40		
Smith's Chapel,	1 85		2 50		
Cypress Creek,	2 00		5 00		
Brier Branch,	2 00	5 00		1 00	
White Oak,	4 00	3 00	3 00		3 00
White Lake,	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 05	
Shiloh,	1 50	5 00			
Bladen Union,	2 95	2 72	5 10		
Sharon,	2 50	65	1 00		
Sugg's Grove,					
Green Spring,	2 00	3 00	3 50		
Great Marsh,	1 60	4 05	5 00		
Providence,	3 05	4 00	10 66		
Saddletree,	1 50	5 65	9 35		
Jackson Swamp,	1 00	1 00			
Total,	$ 52 35	$ 49 32	$ 79 83	$ 8 40	$ 18 55

LOUIS HUMPHREY,
WM. S. FISHER,
Finance Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Expelled.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Total Whites.	Colored.	SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS. Teachers.	Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	Papers taken.	Superintendents.	Post Offices.
Cape Fear	1		1	6	1	2	34	51	85		4	20	100		A. R. Pitman	Gray's Creek.
Cedar Creek	5	3	3	14	6	3	49	115	164							
Lebanon		2			1	2	30	53	83		7	38	50		D. L. Beard	Fayetteville.
Fayetteville	7	4		6	9	7			240		9	65	350		A. H. Watson	"
Rockfish	2	3	1	3	2		11	56	67		6	40	50		M. Morgan	Hope Mills.
Manchester				5	2				64	4					Z. T. Kivett	Manchester.
Judson	3	1		3	2		32	44	76		6	40	50		John Sessoms	Fayetteville.
Antioch		2		2	2	3	44	68	112		5	48	94		H. L. Hall	Kyle's Landing.
Cedar Falls	2	2					10	16	26		3	23	25		T. R. Taylor	Fayetteville.
Mount Tabor	2	2		1			6	14	20		4	25			C. D. Nixon	Little River Academy.
Rocky Mount	1				1		15	14	29							
Mount Pisgah				2	1		33	41	74		5	45			Wm. S. Fisher	Fayetteville.
Cumberland Union	1	6			1	1	33	39	72		6	50	104		E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek.
Beaver Dam		2	1	7	3		30	73	103		8	50	100		P. W. Smith	Clay Fork.
Corinth																
Mount Pleasant	4			3	1		25	35	60		3	40	65		John Horn	
Smith's Chapel	17	3		3	2		44	52	96		4	36			H. Carter	Lisbon.
Cypress Creek	12	1	3	2	4	1	45	55	100		4	36	60		A. S. Smith	Cypress Creek.
Brier Branch	4		1	3	3	1	33	69	102		4	40			J. H. Tatum	Dawson's Landing.
White Oak	12	5	6	1	2		77	113	190		7	45	60		W. F. Melvin	White Oak.
White Lake	24	1	6	2	3	2	58	96	154		5	26	180		G. W. Thomas	Little Sugar Loaf.
Shiloh	2	3	2		1		20	37	57		4	35	120		W. J. Averitt	Willis' Creek.
Sharon	1	2	1		2	1	27	22	49							

STATISTICAL TABLE—Continued.

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Bladen Union	3	..	7	1	2	1	47	65	112	..	4	20	50	..	R. M. Tolar	Willis's Creek.
Sugg's Grove	...	..	..	..	..	..	...	....	....	..	...	....	....	..	....	
Green Spring	...	4	..	2	1	..	34	70	104	..	...	....	....	..	....	
Great Marsh	...	9	..	3	3	..	57	61	118	..	4	40	50	..	Wm. S. Johnson	St. Paul's.
Providence	3	2	..	2	..	..	28	40	68	..	3	20	400	..	S. J. Cobb, Sr.	Lumber Bridge.
Saddletree	11	4	2	3	4	3	59	69	128	..	6	53	50	..	Louis Humphrey	Raft Swamp.
Jackson Swamp	20	20	..		..	..	...	....	67	..	...	....	55	..	....	
	137	66	33	74	59	27	881	1368	2619	4	111	835	2013	..		

*Verses Memorized:—Mount Pleasant Sabbath School, 5,333; Jackson Swamp Sabbath School, 2,457. Total, 7,790.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Cape Fear,	A. R. Pitman,	Gray's Creek, N. C.	N. H. Jones,	Roslin, N. C.
Cedar Creek,	R. Newton,	Fayetteville, "	C. G. Averitt,	Cedar Creek, "
Lebanon,	J. M. Beasley,	" "	Chas. T. Guy,	Fayetteville, "
Fayetteville,			Isaac Hollingsworth,	" "
Rockfish,	E. D. Johnson,	St. Paul's "	J. Muslewhite,	Hope Mills, "
Manchester,	R. Newton,	Fayetteville, "	Z. T. Kivett,	Manchester, "
Judson,	J. G. Fisher,	Roslin, "	A. J. Bullard,	Fayetteville, "
Antioch,	W. M. Page,	Hawley's Store, "	Isaac Strickland,	Kyle's Landing, "
Cedar Falls,	W. C. West,	Fayetteville, "	C. T. Gilmore,	Fayetteville, "
Mount Tabor,	Wm. Brunt,	Lillington, "	Chas. D. Nixon,	L't'le R'v'r Academy, "
Rocky Mount,	J. G. Fisher,	Roslin, "	D. N. Newton,	Fayetteville, "
Mount Pisgah,	J. M. Beasley,	Fayetteville, "	Wm. S. Fisher,	" "
Cumberland Union,	A. R. Pitman,	Gray's Creek, "	Geo. F. Thagard,	Cedar Creek, "
Beaver Dam,	J. B. Downing,	Clay Fork, "	P. P. Hall,	Clay Fork, "
Corinth,				
Mount Pleasant,	C. E. Beard,	Lisbon, "	John Horn,	" " "
Smith's Chapel,	C. E. Beard,	" "	W. R. Carter,	Lisbon, "
Cypress Creek,	J. B. Downing,	Cedar Creek, "	M. McK. Smith,	Cypress Creek, "
Brier Branch,	F. A. Prevatt,	Lumberton, "	W. T. Jessup,	Dawson's Landing, "
White Oak,	W. S. Melvin,	White Oak, "	D. M. Melvin,	White Oak, "
White Lake,	W. S. Melvin,	" " "	Wm. H. Russ,	Little Sugar Loaf, "
Shiloh,	W. S. Melvin,	" " "	W. J. Averitt,	Willis's Creek, "
Sharon,	W. S. Melvin,	" " "	D. B. Beard,	Clay Fork, "
Bladen Union,	J. G. Fisher,	Roslin, "	A. H. Tolar,	Willis's Creek, "
Sugg's Grove,				
Green Spring,	E. D. Johnson,	St. Paul's, "	M. Cashwell,	Roslin, "
Great Marsh,	E. D. Johnson,	" "	J. M. Johnson,	St. Paul's, "
Providence,	J. Monroe,	Laurel Hill, "	D. W. McGugan,	Dundarrach, "
Saddletree,	J. D. Clark,	St. Paul's, "	J. B. Carlisle,	St. Paul's, "
Jackson Swamp,	N. Mercer,	Lumberton, "	Jas. P. Mercer,	Lumberton, "

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ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD FOR 1881-82.

Churches and Members.

Cape Fear—J. F. Byrne.
Cedar Creek—F. S. Averitt.
Lebanon—J. S. Beard.
Fayetteville—W. J. Tolar.
Rockfish—J. M. White.
Manchester—R. Brooks.
Rocky Mount—D. N. Newton.
Judson—Jas. McDonald.
Antioch—Geo. W. Starling.
Mt. Tabour—C. D. Nixon.
Cedar Falls—T. R. Taylor.
Mt. Pisgah—Elder J. M. Beasley.
Cumberland Union—El. E. J. Edwards.
Beaver Dam—P. P. Hall.
Corinth—D. Carter.

Churches and Members.

Mount Pleasant—J. Horn.
Smith's Chapel—W. R. Carter.
Cypress Creek—M. McK. Smith.
Brier Branch—J. H. Tatum.
White Oak—D. B. Melvin.
White Lake—J. M. Bryan.
Shiloh—I. McGhee.
Sharon—G. F. Melvin.
Bladen Union—T. J. Riddle.
Sugg's Grove—P. Melvin.
Green Spring—M. Cashwell.
Providence—D. W. McGugan.
Saddletree—W. R. Johnson.
Jackson Swamp—Elder N. Mercer.
Mt. Olive—G. F. Allen.

Ordained Ministers and their Post Offices.

J. M. Beasley, Fayetteville, N. C.
T. W. Ebeltoft, Fayetteville, N. C.
R. Newton, Fayetteville, N. C.
D. N. Newton, Fayetteville, N. C.
W. C. West, Fayetteville, N. C.
J. H. Cobb, Lumber Bridge, N. C.
C. S. Cashwell, Roslin, N. C.
C. E. Beard, Lisbon, N. C.
J. G. Fisher, Roslin, N. C.
J. B. Downing, Cedar Creek, N. C.
E. D. Johnson, St. Paul's, N. C.
L. Bryan, Elizabethtown, N. C.
W. S. Melvin, White Oak, N. C.
A. R. Pitman, Gray's Creek, N. C.
W. W. Willis, Lumberton, N. C.
N. Mercer, Lumberton, N. C.
D. S. Bullard, Clay Fork, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY, October 11th, 1881.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. G. Fisher from John, 3rd chapter and 16th verse: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

At the close of the sermon an interval of half an hour was given.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, Elder E. D. Johnson, who read the 40th Psalm. The congregation sang the 857th hymn of the *Baptist Psalmody*, after which prayer was offered, Elder J. M. Beasley leading.

Appointed Elder J. G. Fisher and Brother M. Sewell as a Committee of Finance.

Appointed Elders A. R. Pitman and C. S. Cashwell Reading Clerks.

The Church Letters were then called for and read, and the names of delegates were enrolled as follows:

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

CAPE FEAR—Elder A. R. Pitman, A. Marsh, Wm. Butler.
CEDAR CREEK—A. J. Guy, J. P. West and C. G. Averitt.
LEBANON—Elder W. C. West, D. B. Coleman.
ANTIOCH—E. C. Pope.
JUDSON—W. H. Melvin, A. A. McCaskill and J. Sessoms.
CEDAR FALLS—Represented by letter.
MT. TABOUR—Represented by letter.
MANCHESTER—R. W. Brooks, J. A. Howard.
ROCKY MOUNT—D. K. Mints.
FAYETTEVILLE—Elder T. W. Ebeltoft, Theophilus Evans.
ROCKFISH—J. Muslewhite, M. Strickland,
MT. PISGAH—Elder J. M. Beasley, Wm. S. Fisher, W. L. Nunley,
CUMBERLAND UNION—N. Cashwell, H. Jones, S. H. Johnson.
BEAVER DAM—D. S. Bullard, P. P. Hall.
SHARON—Geo. F. Melvin, F. P. Smith, G. B. Melvin.

SAMPSON COUNTY.

CORINTH—D. Carter.
MT. PLEASANT—Not represented.
SMITH'S CHAPEL—Elder C. E. Beard.

BLADEN COUNTY.

Cypress Creek—A. S. Smith, G. Sutton.
Brier Branch—W. T. Jessup, W. H. Downing.
White Oak—Elder W. S. Melvin, D. B. Melvin.
White Lake—J. M. Bryan, D. M. Smith, J. R. Mulford.
Shiloh—D. D. Salmon, M. H. Sewell.
Bladen Union—R. M. Tolar, A. H. Tolar.
Sugg's Grove—Not represented.
Mt. Olive—R. Brisson.

ROBESON COUNTY.

Green Spring—M. Cashwell, James Marsh. J. N. Cashwell.
Great Marsh—Elder E. D. Johnson, S. Willoughby, A. Odum.
Providence—D. W. McGugan, E. S. Ausley.
Saddletree—Elder W. W. Willis, W. R. Johnson.
Jackson Swamp—Elder N. Mercer, S. Allen.

The term of the officers of the Association having expired, the Association proceeded to ballot for the same. Elder E. D. Johnson was re-elected Moderator, and D. W. McGugan Clerk and Treasurer.

Extended an invitation to churches wishing to connect with us. The Church at Mount Olive, in Bladen County, which was dismissed by the Cape Fear Association, presented a letter petitioning admittance, which petition was received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

Extended an invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. Elder C. S. Farriss, one of the Editors of the *Biblical Recorder*, and Elder N. R. Pitman, of the Central Association, presented themselves and were welcomed to seats.

Appointed the Pastor and Deacons of Cumberland Union Church a Committee on Preaching Exercises.

Appointed the male members of Cumberland Union Church a Committee of Vigilence.

Committees appointed at last session on the different subjects were then called on to report.

The report on Intemperance was presented and read, and after addresses from Elders T. W. Ebeltoft, N. R. Pitman, J. M. Beasley and C. S. Farriss, and Brother A. A. McCaskill, the report was adopted.

The Association then adjourned until 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning. Prayer offered, Elder T. W. Ebeltoft leading. Benediction by the Moderator.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, October 12th.

The Association convened at the appointed hour.

The opening exercises were conducted by Elder C. S. Cashwell, who read the 84th Psalm. The congregation sang the 724th hymn. Prayer by Elder E. J. Edwards.

Proceedings of the previous day were read and approved.

The Clerk read the Constitution and Rules of Order.

Churches not represented on previous day were then called, their letters read and the names of delegates enrolled.

Renewed the invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. None responded.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the next session of this Association be held with the Church at Great Marsh, Robeson County, to meet on Tuesday after the second Sabbath in October, 1882. Elder D. S. Bullard to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder E. J. Edwards alternate; Elder T. W. Ebeltoft to preach the Missionary Sermon on Wednesday.

The report on State and Associational Missions was then read, and, after addresses from Elders C. S. Farriss, T. W. Ebeltoft and J. M. Beasley, was adopted.

A collection was taken up at this time, in behalf of State Missions, amounting to $10.00.

The report on Periodicals was then presented and read, when the session was addressed by Elder C. S. Farriss, one of the Editors of the *Recorder*, Elder J. M. Beasley and Elder W. W. Willis. Report was adopted. [See Appendix.]

The Association then repaired to the stand in the grove to hear the Missionary Sermon by Elder T. W. Ebeltoft, who read the 42nd chapter of Isaiah. The congregation sings. Text: John, 20th chapter and 21st verse, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

At the close of the sermon a collection was taken up, in behalf of Foreign Missions, amounting to $15.00.

The Association was then called off for half an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order.

Renewed the invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. Brother J. B. Downing, of the South River Association, presented himself and was welcomed to a seat.

The Association then gave way to the Associational Board.

Association called on again.

Appointed Elder J. M. Beasley, Brother W. S. Fisher and I. McGhee a committee to select the Associational Board.

Appointed Elders A. R. Pitman and E. J. Edwards a committee to audit the Treasurer's and Financial Committee's report.

The report on Education was called for and read. The Association was addressed by Elders N. R. Pitman, A. R. Pitman and others. The report was adopted.

At the close of the addresses Elder N. R. Pitman was requested to wait on the congregation in behalf of the Board of Education. The collection amounted to $6.13.

The committee selected to appoint the Associational Board made their report, which was received.

The report on Foreign Missions was then presented, read, and laid on the table until 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

The invitation to visitors was renewed. Brother R. D. Melvin, of the Cape Fear Association, presented himself, with a letter of correspondence, and was cordially received and welcomed to a seat.

The Association then adjourned until 9½ o'clock Thursday morning. Benediction by Elder J. M. Beasley.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 13th.

The Association met at the appointed hour.

Half an hour was spent in devotional exercises conducted by Elder T. J. Baker, who read the 46th Psalm. The congregation sang the 637th hymn, after which prayer was offered by Brother Baker.

Minutes of the previous day read and approved.

The invitation to visitors was renewed. Brother E. Herring, of the South River Association, presented himself, and was welcomed to a seat.

The report on Foreign Missions, laid on the table on the day previous, was then taken up and re-read, when the session was addressed by Elder T. W. Ebeltoft and others, after which the report was adopted and ordered to be appended.

Corresponding Messengers appointed at last session were called on to report.

Elder E. D. Johnson attended the Waccamaw, and was cordially received; Elders A. R. Pitman and E. D. Johnson attended the Cape Fear and were cordially received; none of the others attended.

The following resolution was then passed:

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to prepare a model for an Associational Letter, which shall include a table wherein shall be indicated both the strength of the Church and Sunday School and the amounts of money contributed by the Churches for all purposes during the Associational year, and that this model letter and table be printed in the Minutes.

Appointed Elders Beasley and Ebeltoft a committee to select subjects and writers for next session.

Appointed Elder J. G. Fisher and D. W. McGugan to choose delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Brothers I. McGhee and D. S. Bullard were appointed to select Corresponding Messengers.

The Financial Committee submitted their report, which was received.

The report on Ministerial Support was read, when the session was addressed by Elders T. W. Ebeltoft, and J. G. Fisher, and Brothers A. S. Smith, R. M. Tolar and others, after which the report was adopted.

The following persons were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention, viz: Elders J. M. Beasley, T. W. Ebeltoft, E. D. Johnson, W. S. Melvin, J. G. Fisher, W. W. Willis, C. S. Cashwell and T. J. Baker, and Brother Theo. Evans.

The Committee on writers and subjects for next session made the following report:

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Elder Wm. S. Melvin.
HOME AND INDIAN MISSIONS—Elder A. R. Pitman.
STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL—Elder T. W. Ebeltoft.

PERIODICALS—D. B. Melvin.
EDUCATION—D. W. McGugan.
INTEMPERANCE—Elder J. G. Fisher.
SABBATH SCHOOLS—Theo. Evans.
MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—Elder D. S. Bullard.

The Committee to appoint Corresponding Messengers reported the following:

TO THE CAPE FEAR—Elders A. R. Pitman and N. Mercer.
TO THE WACCAMAW—Elders E. D. Johnson and W. W. Willis.
TO THE SOUTH RIVER—Elders T. J. Baker and C. S. Cashwell.
TO THE SANDY CREEK—Elders J. M. Beasly and T. W. Ebeltoft.
TO THE RALEIGH—Elder W. C. West and W. H. Tomlinson.
TO THE LITTLE RIVER—C. D. Nixon and Elder C. S. Cashwell.

The report of the Associational Board was then read and received. [See Appendix.]

The Treasurer submitted his report, which was received.

It was agreed that the Clerk have as many Minutes printed and distributed as the funds in hand will justify, the Clerk to have $15.00 for his services.

Minutes of the day were read and approved.

The following resolution was unanimously passed:

Resolved, That the heartiest thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of the community for the very bountiful and pleasant manner in which they have entertained the delegates and visitors during the session.

The Association sang the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds." Prayer was then offered, Elder Wm. S. Melvin leading, after which the Association adjourned until time and place next appointed.

Benediction by the Moderator.

E. D. JOHNSON, MODERATOR.

D. W. MCGUGAN, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD.

The Associational Mission Board, in its first meeting at Judson, appointed Elder W. S. Melvin to visit the former stations between Black and Cape Fear Rivers, which stations remunerated him for his services without the aid of the Board.

Elder W. W. Willis was requested to visit Gum Flat School House in Robeson County once a month for the first quarter. Elder W. C. West was requested to visit Beaver Creek once a month during the first quarter.

Our second meeting was held with the Church at Lebanon on January 29th, 1881, at which time the Missionaries reported 18 days' services for the first quarter:

Elder W. C. West twelve days.

Elder W. W. Willis six days.

Elder W. C. West reported his station as very discouraging. The meetings are held almost in the open air. He declined to be reappointed.

Elder W. W. Willis was requested to visit his former station monthly during the next quarter.

There was no report from Elder W. S. Melvin or his stations at that time. His stations having become self-sustaining, they were discontinued by this Board.

Elder C. S. Cashwell was requested to visit Beaver Creek once a month during the next quarter.

Elder W. C. West was appointed to visit Averasboro once a month during the next quarter.

Our third meeting was held with the Church at Saddletree on the 28th day of May, 1881.

Elder W. W. Willis reported eight days' services at his station.

Elder C. S. Cashwell reported that he had not preached at Beaver Creek for want of some place or house in which to worship. The station at Beaver Creek was discontinued.

There was no report from Elder W. C. West. Owing to sickness in his family he did not visit his station. It was discontinued.

Elder W. W. Willis was continued at his former station.

Elder E. J. Edwards was requested to visit Corinth Church in Sampson County monthly during the next quarter.

Our next meeting was held with the Church at Green Spring on July 30th, 1881. The Missionaries reported fourteen days' labor.

Elder W. W. Willis reported four days' services at his station.

Elder E. J. Edwards reported ten days' services at Corinth. Received four persons and restored one.

Elders W. W. Willis and E. J. Edwards were both continued at their former stations until the sitting of the Association.

Our last meeting was held on the 12th of October in connection with the Association.

Elder W. W. Willis reported eleven days' services; baptized five persons and received one. Elder C. S. Cashwell assisted him several days in a protracted meeting; prospects of doing good.

Elder E. J. Edwards reported four days' services at his station.

The whole labors of the Board, for the Associational year, were sixty days. Ten persons were baptized and one received by experience. Let us not be discouraged.

J. M. BEASLEY, Chairman.

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

The evils of intemperance are already universally known, and there need be nothing more said as to the great destructive sway of King Alcohol; but to provide a remedy demands our wise and serious consideration. After the united effort of the Church to curtail its use, what more can be done? To make the suggestion your Committee feel at a loss, but to retreat from the conflict is cowardice and degradation. We would therefore exhort you to redouble your efforts. Let each Church be a temperate body and each member a temperate person, and let one universal prayer be offered that God may open up the way whereby the dreadful curse may be stayed.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Various nations, sitting in spiritual darkness, cry to us for the Lamp of Life, for the means of grace,—for the Gospel of Christ. Italy, China, South America, Mexico and Africa—vast nations, all starving for the Bread of Life. Many souls in the Islands of the Ocean, too, are perishing for the lack of knowledge. Should we hold the truth in unrighteousness, or should we obey our Lord's command and preach the Gospel to the millions in heathenish darkness? Let every sinner saved by grace feel morally and religiously bound to send or carry the means of that saving grace to other lost and perishing souls.

If any desire statistical information relative to the Foreign Mission Work, they can obtain all the facts desired by subscribing for the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published in Richmond, Va., by the Southern Baptist Convention, at 50 cents per annum for a single copy, or 25 cents in clubs of four.

A. R. PITMAN, Chairman.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

1st. We believe there is abundant testimony in the New Testament to prove that the Ministry should be supported by the people to whom they preach.

2nd. We believe there is sufficient means in the possession of the churches to support their pastors.

3rd. We believe the great reason why the Ministry are not better supported is because the churches have not been properly instructed, trained or impressed with their duty.

4th. We believe the Ministry should let the churches know what they expect at least once a year. Remind them of this, and endeavor to impress the duty of giving on every member.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. FISHER, Chairman.

STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

The State Mission Board has done and is still doing much valuable and permanent good. It has been the means of cultivating many prominent places in the State. But much is yet to be accomplished ere the Gospel of the Son of God is proclaimed in every town and village in the State.

Brethren, there is yet much to be done in this Association. The work of the Board has been in existence ever since the Association has been formed, yet there are some weak churches which need our attention and aid, and there are destitute sections where the Gospel is not preached by our Ministers.

Let us not grow weary in well-doing. We have much to do while it is day. For there is no work or device in the grave to which we are all hastening. Let us still contribute of our substance to those laudable objects of the Master's work, so that when the night of death comes we may be found with our lamps trimmed and burning—" when the Son of Man cometh."

D. W. McGUGAN, for Committee.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

More and more, year by year, the Baptists of North Carolina are appreciating the value and necessity of education among our ministers and laity. In this good work Wake Forest College occupies a higher and more useful position than ever before. Of the 184 students at Wake Forest last session 26 were ministers of the gospel, and 19 were supported by the Board of Education.

Your Committee earnestly commend the work of the Board of Education to the Cedar Creek Association, and we furthermore beg that this Association give the Board all the help in its power. Not only would we urge our young ministers to go to Wake Forest College and prepare themselves for more efficient workers as preachers of the gospel, but we would urge all our young men who can to avail themselves of the advantages of the college.

We have three Female Colleges: one at Oxford, one at Thomasville and one at Murfreesboro, and we recommend them all to the patronage of parents and guardians.

We recommend that we have an Associational High School.

Respectfully submitted,

YOUR COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals would commend to the brethren the *Biblical Recorder* as the true exponent of Baptist principles and as the organ of our denomination in the State. No well-informed Baptist can afford to be without it. As the *Recorder* prospers the denomination is the better upheld and its principles better disseminated and defended. We would furthermore recommend that every pastor and brother in the Association would do his utmost to increase its circulation in our midst.

Kind Words.—This paper, under the supervision of the Southern Baptist Convention, is a Sabbath School paper better suited to our Sunday Schools than any other paper of the kind in our knowledge. Price $1.00 per year; clubs of ten 60 cents per year.

Foreign Mission Journal.—Every one should be informed in regard to the work and movements of our missionaries. To do this he should subscribe to the *Mission Journal.* It is published at Richmond, Va., and is under the direct supervision of the Foreign Mission Board. Price 50 cents a year; clubs of four 25 cents; clubs of one hundred 15 cents.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. FARRISS.

During the session of the Association the following motion was adopted:

That should any of those appointed to prepare reports for next Association be, at that time, absent, it is requested by the Association that they send up their report by some suitable hand.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

D. W. McGUGAN in Account with

Cedar Creek Baptist Association for 1880-'81.

1880. Oct. 14th	Received from Financial Committee—Minute Fund	$ 52 35	
	By balance on hand 1879	1 00	
	Total Minute Fund		$ 53 35
Oct. 14th	Received from Financial Committee for Foreign Missions	79 83	
	Antioch Church by Elder J. M. Beasley	3 05	
1881.	Collection at Association	17 06	
May 28th	From friends at Rocky Mount	4 80	
July 30th	From friends at Green Spring	10 45	
1880.	Total for Foreign Missions		115 19
Oct. 14th	Received from Financial Committee for State Missions	18 55	
	Total for State Missions		18 55
Oct. 14th	Received from Financial Committee for Board of Education	8 40	
1881.	By collection at Association	16 95	
May 28th	From Fayetteville Church	6 50	
1880.	Total for Education		31 85
Oct. 14th	On hand for Associational Missions	31 56	
1881.	Received from Financial Committee	49 32	
Jan'y 29th	Received from Churches and friends at Lebanon	7 98	
	Sabbath collection at Lebanon	4 00	
May 28th	Received from Churches and friends at Saddletree	13 85	
	Sabbath collection at Saddletree	6 40	
July 30th	Received from Churches at Green Spring	14 53	
	Sabbath collection at Green Spring	7 27	
Oct. 12th	Received from Churches and friends at Association	13 45	
	Total for Associational Missions		148 36
Oct. 12th	Total amount for all objects		$ 367 30

DISBURSEMENTS.

1880. Oct. 14th	Paid to Elder T. Harrison, Agent for Foreign Missions	$ 99 94	
1881. May 28th	To B. F. Montague, Treasurer Baptist State Convention	4 80	
July 30th	To B. F. Montague	10 45	
1880.	Total for Foreign Missions		$ 115 19
Oct. 14th	Paid to Elder T. H. Pritchard, D. D., Agent for Board of Education	25 35	
Nov. 10th	To Prof. C. E. Taylor	7 00	
May 28, '81	" " " "	6 50	
1880.	Total for Education		31 85
Nov. 10th	Paid to Committee of Finance at Goldsboro	18 55	
	Total for State Missions		18 55

TREASURER'S REPORT—*Continued.*

1880.			
Dec. 13th	Paid to J. E. Garrett for printing Minutes..	$ 38 35	
" "	" Clerk for services..................	15 00	
1881.	Total Minute Fund......................		$ 53 35
Jan'y 29th	Paid to Missionaries at Lebanon:		
	To Elder W. C. West......................	18 00	
	" " W. W. Willis....................	9 00	
May 28th	" " " " at Saddletree........	12 00	
July 30th	" " " " at Green Spring.....	6 00	
	" " E. J. Edwards " "	17 00	
Oct. 12th	" " " " at Cumberland Union	6 00	
" "	" " W. W. Willis " "	13 00	
" "	" " C. S. Cashwell, assistant..........	9 00	
	Total paid to Missionaries.............		$ 90 00
	Total amount of disbursements........		$ 308 94
Oct. 12th	In hands of Treasurer for Associational Missions..................................	$ 58 36	

We, the Auditing Committee, do hereby certify that we have examined the Treasurer's report, and vouchers for the same, and find it correct.

A. R. PITMAN,
E. J. EDWARDS,
Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associational Missi'ns.	Foreign Miss'ins.	Education.	State Missi'ns.
Cape Fear	$ 1 00	$ 1 90	$ 10 00	$	
Cedar Creek	2 50				
Lebanon	2 00				
Antioch	1 25	3 75	3 75		
Cedar Falls	1 20				
Mount Tabour	1 50	3 81			
Manchester	50	1 95	1 50		
Rocky Mount	60	50	4 75	1 00	
Fayetteville	2 86			20 00	5 00
Judson	1 70	88	87		
Rockfish	1 50		75		
Mount Pisgah	1 70		2 03		
Cumberland Union	1 00		2 48		
Beaver Dam	1 15		2 52		
Corinth	50				
Mount Pleasant					
Smith's Chapel	1 50		2 60		
Cypress Creek	2 25	1 35	5 85		
Brier Branch	1 50		1 25	4 00	
White Lake	2 50	3 00	3 00		2 45
White Oak	4 50	6 50			
Sharon	2 00	2 50	5 00		
Shiloh	1 50		4 50		
Sugg's Grove					
Bladen Union	2 00	1 40	85		
Green Spring	2 00		5 00		
Great Marsh	1 70	5 00	5 75		
Providence	3 00	4 83	18 50		
Saddletree	1 50	3 00	6 60		
Jackson Swamp	1 00	1 00			
Mount Olive	1 15	1 00	2 00		
Total,	$ 49 06	$ 42 37	$ 89 55	$ 25 00	$ 7 45

*The Church at Rocky Mount gave $2 00 to Orphan Asylum and the Church at Manchester 25 cents to Sabbath School cause.

We, the Auditing Committee appointed by your body, do hereby certify that we have examined the Financial Committee's report and find the same correct.

A. R. PITMAN,
E. J. EDWARDS,
Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	White Males	White Females	Total Whites	Colored	SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS. Teachers	Pupils	Volumes in Library.	Papers taken	Verses Memorized.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.
Cape Fear	8	3	1	2	3	2	43	52	95		4	20	100			I. B. Williams	Gray's Creek.
Cedar Creek		3	1	11	6	3	38	106	144		8	119				A. J. Guy	Cedar Creek.
Judson	12	2			5		29	56	85		6	40	50			J. Sessoms	Fayetteville.
Lebanon	4	4	3	4	1	2	32	51	83		6	30	50			D. L. Beard	"
Antioch	13	1		2	1	1	52	68	120		4	36				H. L. Hall	Kyle's Landing.
Mt. Tabour		1					7	15	22		4	35				C. D. Nixon	Little River Academy.
Cedar Falls	3	3		4			10	18	28		3	22	18			C. D. Hall	Fayetteville.
Manchester	13		1				30	40	70							R. W. Brooks	Manchester.
Rocky Mount				1			14	15	29								
Fayetteville	5	13	1	14	2	2			210		18	117					
Rockfish	5	9	3				14	69	83		3	30	50			M. Morgan	Hope Mills.
Mt. Pisgah	4	1		2	3	1	31	42	73		5	40				Wm. S. Fisher	Fayetteville.
Cumberland Union	8	2		2	3	1	31	46	77		6	50	104			Wm. S. Pope	Cedar Creek.
Beaver Dam	1		1	7	2	2	24	77	101								
Sharon							23	24	47								
Corinth	4		1	3		2	8	32	40								
Mt. Pleasant																	
Smith's Chapel	4			1	1						5	39					
Cypress Creek	18	1	1			1	53	64	117		3	35	84			M. McK. Smith	Cypress Creek.
Brier Branch	13	1	3	1	4		40	78	118		4	38	52			D. C. Thompson	Dawson's Landing.
White Lake	4		2		2	2	59	64	153		4	35	180	22		R. H. Marshburn	Little Sugar Loaf.
White Oak	1	5		4	1	2	75	113	188		6	44	100			D. M. Melvin	White Oak.
Shiloh		4		2	1		18	40	58		3	25	120			W. H. Butler	Willis' Creek.

STATISTICAL TABLE—Continued.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Received by Letter.	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	White Males	White Females	Total Whites	Colored	SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.						POST OFFICES.
											Teachers.	Pupils	Volumes in Library.	Papers taken	Verses Memorized.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	
Mt. Olive	2	7	1	2	1	..	27	48	75	..	...	....	....	.	....	....	....
Sugg's Grove	...	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	....
Bladen Union	12	..	..	2	3	..	46	70	116	..	4	40	50	..	1615	R. M. Tolar	Willis' Creek.
Green Spring	20	3	1	3	2	1	40	85	125	..	...	....	....	:	...	N. Johnson	Roslin.
Great Marsh	8	4	1	3	2	..	59	71	130	..	5	40	50	..	....	W. S. Johnson	St. Pauls.
Providence	...	1	..	..	..	..	28	41	69	.	4	25	350	12	....	S. J. Cobb, Sr.	Lumber Bridge.
Saddletree	1	2	1	9	2	3	51	69	120	..	6	56	100	..	....	L. Humphrey	St. Paul's.
Jackson Swamp	2	..	1	..	1	..	16	25	41	..	...	....	....	..	3500	....	....
	165	70	23	80	46	25	898	1509	2617	..	111	916	1458	34	5115		

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Cape Fear	A. R. Pitman	Gray's Creek, N. C.	N. H. Jones	Roslin, N. C.
Cedar Creek	" "	" " "	Chas. Jessup	Cedar Creek, "
Judson	J. G. Fisher	Roslin, "	A. J. Bullard	Fayetteville, "
Lebanon	J. M. Beasley	Fayetteville, "	C. T. Guy	" "
Antioch	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store, "	I. Strickland	Kyle's Landing, "
Mount Tabour	A. B. Alderman	Spring Branch, "	C. T. Nixon	L'tle R'v'r Academy, "
Cedar Falls	J. M. Beasley	Fayetteville, "	C. D. Hall	Fayetteville, "
Manchester	C. S. Cashwell	Roslin, "	H. J. Kivett	Manchester, "
Rocky Mount	" "	" "	D. N. Newton	Fayetteville, "
Fayetteville	T. W. Ebeltoft	Fayetteville, "	Isaac Hollingsworth	" "
Rockfish	E. D. Johnson	St. Paul's, "	J. M. White	Hope Mills, "
Mt. Pisgah	J. M. Beasley	Fayetteville, "	Wm. S. Fisher	Fayetteville, "
Cumberland Union	A. R. Pitman	Gray's Creek, "	Geo. F. Thagard	Cedar Creek, "
Beaver Dam	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork, "	P. P. Hall	Clay Fork, "
Sharon	J. B. Downing	White Oak, "	D. P. Beard	" " "
Corinth				
Mt. Pleasant				
Smith's Chapel	C. E. Beard		W. R. Carter	Lisbon, "
Cypress Creek	J. B. Downing	White Oak, "	M. McK. Smith	Cypress Creek, "
Brier Branch	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork, "	W. T. Jessup	Dawson's Landing, "
White Lake	W. S. Melvin	White Oak, "	W. H. Russ	Little Sugar Loaf, "
White Oak	" "	" " "	D. M. Melvin	White Oak, "
Shiloh	" "	" " "	W. J. Averitt	Willis' Creek, "
Mt. Olive				
Bladen Union	J. G. Fisher	Roslin, "	A. H. Tolar	Willis' Creek, "
Sugg's Grove				
Green Spring	E. D. Johnson	St. Paul's, "	M. Cashwell	Roslin, "
Great Marsh	" "	" "	J. M. Johnson	St. Paul's, "
Providence	J. Monroe	Laurel Hill, "	D. W. McGugan	Dundarrach, "
Saddletree	J. D. Clark	St. Paul's, "	J. P. Carlyle	St. Paul's, "
Jackson Swamp	N. Mercer	Lumberton, "	Jas. P. Mercer	Lumberton, "

MINUTES

OF THE

25TH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Cedar Creek Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

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ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD FOR 1882-'83.

Churches and Members.

Cape Fear—J. F. Byrne.
Cedar Creek—F. S. Averitt.
Judson—W. J. McDonald.
Lebanon—J. S. Beard.
Antioch—Geo. W. Starling.
Mt. Tabor—C. D. Nixon.
Manchester—R. Brooks.
Rocky Mount—D. N. Newton.
Fayetteville—W. J. Tolar.
Cedar Falls—Jas. Vann.
Rockfish—J. M. White.
Mount Pisgah—Elder J. M. Beasley.
Cumberland Union—El. E. J. Edwards.
Beaver Dam—M. Hall.
Corinth—D. Carter.
Smith's Chapel—W. R. Carter.

Churches and Members.

Cypress Creek—M. McK. Smith.
Brier Branch—J. H. Tatum.
White Lake—R. H. Marshburn.
White Oak—D. B. Melvin.
Shiloh—I. McGhee.
Sharon—R. W. Melvin.
Bladen Union—T. J. Riddle.
Sugg's Grove—P. Melvin.
Green Spring—M. Cashwell.
Providence—D. W. McGugan.
Saddletree—W. R. Johnson.
Great Marsh—W. S. Johnson.
Jackson Swamp—Elder N. Mercer.
Mt. Olive—G. F. Allen.
Kate's Chapel—J. G. Laton.

Ordained Ministers and their Post Offices.

J. M. Beasley, Fayetteville, N. C.
T. W. Ebeltoft, Fayetteville, N. C.
D. N. Newton, Fayetteville, N. C.
W. C. West, Fayetteville, N. C.
J. H. Cobb, Lumber Bridge, N. C.
C. S. Cashwell, Roslin, N. C.
J. G. Fisher, Roslin, N. C.
J. B. Downing, Cedar Creek, N. C.

A. R. Pitman, Gray's Creek, N. C.
E. D. Johnson, St. Paul's, N. C.
L. Bryan, Elizabethtown, N. C.
Wm. S. Melvin, White Oak, N. C.
W. W. Willis, Lumberton, N. C.
N. Mercer, Lumberton, N. C.
D. S. Bullard, Clay Fork, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY, October 10th, 1882.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder David S. Bullard, from Ephesians, 5th chapter and 16th verse: "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

At the close of the sermon an interval of forty-five minutes was given.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, Elder E. D. Johnson, who read the 3rd chapter of 2nd Timothy. The congregation sang the 125th hymn of the *Baptist Psalmody*, after which prayer was offered, Elder W. W. Willis leading.

The roll of Churches was then called, a majority being present. The Moderator declared the Association in order for business.

Appointed C. D. Nixon and C. P. McGugan a Committee of Finance.

Appointed Elders C. S. Cashwell and W. W. Willis Reading Clerks.

The Church Letters were then called for and read, and the names of delegates were enrolled as follows:

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

CAPE FEAR—Elder A. R. Pitman, N. H. Jones and H. M. Pate.

CEDAR CREEK—Wm. S. Hare, F. S. Averitt and D. M. Smith.

JUDSON—A. J. Bullard, W. H. Melvin* and W. J. McDonald.

LEBANON—C. T. Guy, J. A. Cain* and J. S. Beard.

ANTIOCH—H. L. Hall, J. Strickland and A. Bain.*

MOUNT TABOUR—C. D. Nixon, R. Colier* and J. Rearidon.

MANCHESTER—June Howard, J. C. Goodman and R. Howard.

ROCKY MOUNT—Elder D. N. Newton, Z. B. Newton and I. T. Newton.

FAYETTEVILLE—G. S. Philips, J. H. Benton and L. C. Straughn.

CEDAR FALLS—Jas. Vann, C. D. Hall and W. M. Buie.

ROCKFISH—J. M. White, M. Morgan* and M. Strickland.

MT. PISGAH—Elder J. M. Beasley,* L. R. Hall and A. J. Pate.

CUMBERLAND UNION—Elder E. J. Edwards, S. H. Johnson and J. M. Johnson.

BEAVER DAM—Elder D. S. Bullard, P. W. Smith and P. P. Hall.

SHARON—S. Horn, D. M. Beard and G. B. Melvin.

SAMPSON COUNTY.

CORINTH—R. A. Carter and J. Simmons*.
MT. PLEASANT—Represented by letter.
SMITH'S CHAPEL—Elder C. E. Beard, D. L. Armstrong and W. S. Smith.

BLADEN COUNTY.

CYPRESS CREEK—J. Cain, M. McK. Smith and Geo. Peterson.
BRIER BRANCH—W. H. Downing, A. Downing and H. W. Cain.
WHITE LAKE—M. Peterson and D. M. Smith.
KATE'S CHAPEL—J. G. Laton, H. H. Barnhill.
WHITE OAK—Elder Wm. S. Melvin, J. B. Downing and D. S. Tatum.
SHILOH—D. D. Salmon, M. H. Sewell and W. J. Everitt.
SUGG'S GROVE—P. Melvin, Jas. Edge and S. R. Cain.
BLADEN UNION—I. S. Willis, A. H. Tolar and B. F. Pitman.
MT. OLIVE—N. Allen, J. W. King and G. F. Allen.
GREEN SPRING—Elder J. G. Fisher, Elder C. S. Cashwell and M. Cashwell.
GREAT MARSH—Elder E. D. Johnson, Wm. S. Johnson and A. J. Watson.
PROVIDENCE—D. W. McGugan, C. P. McGugan and J. T. Ausley.
SADDLETREE—W. R. Johnson, L. Humphrey and S. B. Rosier.
JACKSON SWAMP—Elder N. Mercer, S. Allen and A. H. Mercer.

*The asterisk (*) after the names of delegates signifies absence.

The term of the officers of the Association having expired, the Association proceeded to ballot for the same. Elder E. D. Johnson was re-elected Moderator, and D. W. McGugan Clerk and Treasurer.

An invitation to Churches wishing to connect with this Association was then given. The Church at Kate's Chapel, Bladen County, a newly constituted Church, presented a letter petitioning admittance; which petition was received, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

An invitation was then given to corresponding and visiting brethren. Elder F. Prevatt, from the Cape Fear Assosiciation, presented himself and was welcomed to a seat.

Appointed the Pastor and Deacons of the Great Marsh Church a Committee on Preaching Exercises.

Appointed the male members of the Great Marsh Church a Committee of Vigilance.

Writers appointed at the last Session on the different subjects were then called on for their reports.

The Report on Home and Indian Missions was then presented and read by Elder A. R. Pitman; and after addresses from Elders A. R. Pitman and E. J. Edwards, the report was adopted.

A letter was then read from Rev. Joseph Evans and the Session of the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, tendering to the Association the use of their house of worship during the sitting of this body. The following resolution was then introduced:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the Pastor (Rev. Joseph Evans) and Session of the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church for their kindness in offering to us the use of their house of worship during the session of this Association.

The above resolution was unanimously adopted.

The report on Sabbath Schools was then read and adopted.

The Association then adjourned until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Prayer was then offered, Elder D. S. Bullard leading. Benediction by the Moderator.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Oct. 11th.

The Association convened at the appointed hour, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by Elder J. G. Fisher.

Proceedings of the previous day were read and approved.

Churches not represented on the previous day were then called for, the letters read and the names of delegates enrolled.

Renewed the invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren.

Elder C. S. Farris, from the Central Association, and Associate Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, presented himself and was welcomed to a seat.

The report on Education was then presented and read by D. W. McGugan, and after addresses were delivered by C. P. McGugan, Elder C. S. Farris, Elder W. W. Willis and Elder J. G. Fisher, the report was adopted.

The report on Intemperance was then presented and read, and after addresses from Messrs. A. R. Pitman, Z. B. Newton and Elder E. D. Johnson, the report was adopted.

The report on Ministerial support was then read, and the Association was addressed by Elder W. W. Willis and Elder E. D Johnson. The report was adopted.

Appointed Elders A. R. Pitman and D. S. Bullard a

Committee to select writers and subjects for the next Session.

Appointed Elder C. S. Cashwell and Bro. D. W. McGugan a committee to select delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Appointed Elder J. G. Fisher and L. Humphrey a Committee to select corresponding messengers to sister Associations.

The Missionary Sermon was postponed until 11 o'clock to-morrow (Thursday) morning.

Association was then called off for half an hour.

Association was called on again, and gave way to the Associational Mission Board.

The Association resumed business after the Associational Board closed its session.

Agreed, that the next session of this Association be held with the Church at Beaver Dam, Cumberland County, to meet on Tuesday after the second Sabbath in October, 1883, Elder C. S. Cashwell to preach the Introductory Sermon on Tuesday at 11 o'clock, A. M., Elder J. G. Fisher alternate; Elder E. D. Johnson to preach the Missionary Sermon on Wednesday at 11:30 A. M., Elder A. R. Pitman alternate.

The Committee appointed to select writers and subjects for next Session made the following report:

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Elder J. B. Downing.
HOME AND INDIAN MISSIONS—Elder E. J. Edwards.
STATE MISSIONS—Z. B. Newton, Esq.
ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION—Elder J. G. Fisher.
PERIODICALS—Elder Wm. S. Melvin.
EDUCATION—Elder W. W. Willis.
INTEMPERANCE—C. P. McGugan.
SABBATH SCHOOLS—W. R. Johnson.
MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—D. W. McGugan.
OBITUARIES—Elder E. D. Johnson.

The Committee appointed to select corresponding messengers made the following report:

TO THE CAPE FEAR—Elders A. R. Pitman and W. W. Willis.
TO THE WACKAMAW—Elder E. D. Johnson and L. Humphrey.
TO THE SOUTH RIVER—Elder E. J. Edwards and M. Howard.
TO THE SANDY CREEK—Elders J. M. Beasley and T. W. Ebeltoft.
TO THE RALEIGH—Elder W. C. West and W. H. Tomlinson.
TO THE LITTLE RIVER—C. D. Nixon and D. N. Newton.

The corresponding messengers were called on to report. They reported, being cordially received.

The following persons were appointed delegates to the

Baptist State Convention: Elders T. W. Ebeltoft, J. M. Beasley, Wm. S. Melvin, J. B. Downing, E. J. Edwards, A. R. Pitman, E. D. Johnson, J. G. Fisher, C. S. Cashwell, and Brothers C. D. Nixon, W. H. Tomlinson, C. P. McGugan, Z. B. Newton, Esq., and Theo. Evans.

A letter of dismission was then voted to the Mt. Pleasant Church to unite with the South River Association.

The subject of a general missionary and colporteur within the bounds of the Association was discussed at some length by Elders A. R. Pitman, E. J. Edwards, C. S. Cashwell and others. The motion was lost.

The Association then adjourned until Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Benediction by the Moderator.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 12th.

The Association convened at the appointed hour, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by Elder J. B. Downing.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator.

The proceedings of the previous day were read and approved.

The invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren was renewed.

A letter and package of minutes from the Burnt Swamp Colored Association was presented, and the letter, asking aid from this body in our next meeting, was read. Elders E. D. Johnson, W. W. Willis and Brothers L. Humphrey and W. S. Johnson were appointed to assist them.

Brother S. E. Ward, from the Cape Fear Association, was introduced and welcomed to a seat.

The Association then gave way to a meeting of the Associational Mission Board.

The Association was called on again, and then proceeded to the stand in the grove to hear the Missionary sermon.

At the close of the sermon a collection, amounting to $28.50, was taken up in behalf of Missions.

The Association was called off for half an hour.

At the expiration of the half hour, the Association was called on again.

Elder W. W. Willis presented the claims of a few Baptists at the Red Springs, who are endeavoring to build a house of worship, and asked for means to aid them. A collection for their aid was taken up.

The report on State and Associational Missions was then presented and read, and, after remarks from various brethren, it was adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was read, and after addresses from Elder A. R. Pitman, Elder E. D. Johnson and others, the report was adopted.

The report on Periodicals was read by Elder D. N. Newton. The session was addressed by Elders D. N. Newton, J. G. Fisher and A. R. Pitman, after which the report was adopted.

The motion lost on yesterday, relating to a general Missionary and Colporteur, was reconsidered, and after some discussion Elder E. J. Edwards was appointed Missionary and Colporteur—his field of operations to be his field of support. The Moderator and Clerk were requested to recommend him to the American Baptist Publication Society.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the heartiest thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of the community for the bountiful and pleasant manner in which they have entertained the delegates and visitors during the session.

The report of the Associational Mission Board was then read and received.

The Treasurer submitted his report, which was read and received.

Appointed Elders J. M. Beasley and A. R. Pitman an Auditing Committee.

The Clerk was instructed to have as many copies of the Minutes printed as the funds in hand would justify, the Clerk to be allowed $15.00 for his services.

The Minutes of the day were read and approved.

The Association then adjourned.

Closing exercises conducted by Elder C. S. Cashwell. Prayer offered, Elder A. R. Pitman leading.

Benediction by the Moderator.

E. D. JOHNSON, MODERATOR.

D. W. MCGUGAN, *Clerk*.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD.

The Associational Mission Board, in its first meeting at Cumberland Union, appointed Elder W. W. Willis to visit monthly his former station at the Red Springs, in Robeson County, during the first quarter.

Elder E. J. Edwards was appointed to visit Corinth Church, in Sampson County, once a month during the first quarter.

Our second meeting was held with the Church at White Oak, January 28th, 1882. Elder E. J. Edwards reported six days' services rendered. The other missionaries failed to report at that time.

At this session the Bladen Union proposed to our Board to allow them to employ a missionary to labor in the eastern part of the Association, and to report to the Association through this Board annually, which proposal the Board heartily agreed to.

Our next meeting was held with the Church at Cape Fear on the 29th of April, 1882. Our missionaries reported sixteen days' services, as follows:

Elder E. J. Edwards six days at Corinth.

Elder W. W. Willis five days the first quarter and five days the second quarter.

The reports were encouraging.

The former missionaries were re-appointed to their former stations.

Elder J. G. Fisher was appointed to visit Parker's School House, in Robeson County, once a month until our next meeting.

Our next meeting was held with the Mt. Pisgah Church July 29th.

Our Missionaries reported twenty days' services:

Elder E. J. Edwards nine days.

Elder W. W. Willis six days.

Elder J. G. Fisher five days.

Our next meeting was held with the Church at Great Marsh, in connection with the Association.

The missionaries reported twenty-four days' services;

Elder J. G. Fisher four days.

Elder E. J. Edwards two days.

Elder W. W. Willis eleven days; seven of them he was engaged in a protracted meeting, assisted by Elder Jas. A. Smith, of Georgia.

Our Missionaries labored, during the past Associational year, sixty-six and one-half days. Result: one Church constituted, two Sabbath Schools organized, one person baptized. We believe much good is being accomplished in the diffusion of Baptist views and doctrines.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. W. McGUGAN, SECRETARY.

REPORT ON HOME AND INDIAN MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE CEDAR CREEK ASSOCIATION:—I would most earnestly recommend to your consideration, and especially to your liberality, the great work of the Home and Indian Mission Board. Its object is to build up the waste places in the vineyard of the Lord located in our Southern territory; to establish churches where they are not; to proclaim the glad tidings of salvation to the 150,000 Chinamen in California, and unfold the riches of God's grace to the poor Indians in the far West—the heathen of all others to whom we are most indebted—the aborigines of the American Continent—the former owners of our broad lands, and the people to whom we are indebted for the staff of life, our "Indian corn." In compensation for all we owe them, shall we not break to them the "bread of eternal life," and offer to them, through the Gospel of Christ, a heavenly land, much fairer than the hunting grounds of America?

For a more thorough knowledge of the great work in which this Board is engaged, you are hereby recommended to take and carefully read the "Foreign Mission Journal," a paper published by the Southern Baptist Convention for 50 cents a year per copy, or three copies for One Dollar.

Respectfully submitted.

A. R. PITMAN, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee believe that the Sabbath Schools are not in as good working order as they should be; that it is not the fault of the children, but that it is the duty of all the members of the Church to give support to that cause.

With proper training in the Sabbath School the day is not far distant when that dreadful demon, Alcohol—the Devil's agent—will be driven from our land. God will sustain his cause. I would recommend this Association to appoint the time and place to hold a Sabbath School Convention, some time in the summer, say in August.

Brethren, give this your prayerful consideration: From the earliest efforts of the Baptists in America the interest has grown until it numbers 13,473 schools, 116,355 officers and teachers, and 1,000,000 of scholars. Every State in the Union is represented in this grand total. What an army is being trained for the Lord, and yet the half is not told!

THEO. EVANS, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

At no period in the history of the Baptists of North Carolina has the cause of general education received a larger share of popular favor than at the present time. The prosperous condition of Wake Forest College is one of the most gratifying proofs of this fact—there are at this time one hundred and forty-five students in attendance, and before the close of the present session, it is thought, the number will increase to over one hundred and seventy or eighty. During the past year there have been some thirty-three young brethren at the College prosecuting their studies with reference to the more efficient preaching of the gospel of Christ. All of them have received their tuition free of charge by the Board of Education. The Board is anxious to enlarge its operations and to have within a short time a goodly number of young men sharing in the beneficence which it dispenses.

The obligation to assist young men who have been called of God to preach the Gospel has ever been recognized by Baptists as solemnly binding upon them as stewards of the manifold grace of God. And we pray that God may impress upon our Association the duty of sustaining those young men engaged in studying for the ministry, that they may become more efficient workers as preachers of the Gospel; and we would urge all our young men who can to avail themselves of the advantages of the College.

We also have several good Female Colleges in the State: One at Oxford, one at Thomasville, one at Murfreesboro, one at Shelby, and one at Forest City, which we can recommend to the patronage of parents and guardians.

D. W. McGUGAN, Chairman.

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

Doubtless this is the greatest prevailing evil known to man. Drunken fathers bringing their children to poverty and disgrace; drunken children bringing their parents down with sorrow and broken hearts to untimely graves: drunken officials filling our country with unwholesome laws; and last, but not least, our churches retaining dram drinkers and drunkards among their members, who with ready voices take part in the business of Christ's kingdom.

These things are demoralizing and soul destroying. Therefore, that we may stand justified in the resurrection morning, let every christian and moral man and woman of every denomination raise their voices against this evil, and lift their hearts and souls to God for wisdom and power from on high to enable us to crush this evil out of existence.

Respectfully submitted.

J. G. FISHER, Chairman.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We, the Missionary Baptist Church, claim the Bible as our only rule of faith and only law for the government thereof, and we hold that that law must and shall be obeyed. That law is very explicit concerning the support of the ministry. It declares that "They that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel." This law binds the Church to furnish the necessary means for the support of the preacher, and at the same time binds the minister to live upon the bounty provided by the church. Read 1st Tim., 4, 13–16:

"Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

"Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

"Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them: that thy profiting may appear to all.

"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

We all see that the minister has no time to waste in providing for his family support by manual labor, trading, or in any secular pursuit: "Give thyself wholly" to these things specified. Surely, then, the support must be provided by those to whom he ministers in spiritual things. "He is to reap their carnal things;" and the church that withholds the tithes from the Lord's treasury necessary to the support of the pastor "robs God." See Mal. 3:8.

Then in order to carry out the divine injunction, first, let the church learn from the pastor what sum will be adequate to his pecuniary wants or the needs of his household; second, provide those means and promptly pay them; and third, demand of the pastor that his time and talents be given wholly to the preparation and delivery of his sermons, and ministering to the spiritual wants of his flock.

Therefore, be it resolved,

1st, That the churches of this Association be and are hereby solicited to carry out the instructions as above specified.

2nd, That the pastor is morally bound to declare the whole counsel of God, and should, therefore, teach these things and urge the churches to this duty; that the preacher may be more efficient in his work, "and need not be ashamed."

Respectfully submitted.

D. S. BULLARD, Chairman.

STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We learn, through the *Recorder*, that much work has been done through the efforts of the Missionaries employed by the State Mission Board. Missionaries have been laboring at important points in the State.

Calls have been and are coming to us to assist the State Board in its efforts to send and to support men at those weak points. We recommend that the pastors lay the claims of this Board before their respective congregations, and solicit aid in unfurling and lifting high the Gospel banner where it seems now to be trailing in the dust.

As to the work in our Association, we have had, from time to time, great reason to be encouraged. Eternity alone will reveal the results of the earnest efforts, the sincere prayers and willing offerings of God's faithful few. Our

Associational Board has gone out into the highways and hedges, inviting sinners to the Gospel feast, establishing churches and building up the cause in many waste places, "yet there is room."

Will not our Board press on until the cry of destitution in our bounds is heard no more? And will not our churches strive to put the funds into the hands of this Board to carry on this great work?

C. S. CASHWELL, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Under this caption your committee beg leave to say that, in our humble opinion, every christian is interested in the great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature!" and yet, while we do not believe that it is the duty of every individual christian to preach the gospel in person, we do contend that all may preach by proxy; and in view of the fact that many hundred millions of heathen are sitting in darkness and in the "shadow of Death," bound down by the chains of error and superstition, it behooves christians to consider the weighty responsibility that is resting upon them as blood-bought souls, and put forth every effort to disseminate the truth "as it is in Jesus." We believe that the miraculous success attending the labors of our missionaries in foreign fields should be a powerful incentive to us, and should prompt us to make greater sacrifices and put forth greater efforts for the evangelization of the world.

We, as Baptists of North Carolina, should be especially encouraged, since we can boast of a YEATES, who, as Dr. Tupper says, stands head and shoulders above every man in Asia as a Missionary. And since, from every quarter of the globe, comes up the Macedonian cry, we should freely give of our means to the cause of Foreign Missions.

WM. S. MELVIN, Chairman.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee would recommend the *Biblical Recorder* as the organ of the Baptist denomination in the State. It is a paper well worthy of the patronage and support of the denomination at large, and should be taken and read by every Baptist in North Carolina.

The *Foreign Mission Journal* should be taken and read by all who are interested in the conversion of the heathen.

Kind Words is a paper devoted to Sabbath Schools and the better training of the children. Price $1.00. It may be obtained at reduced prices by clubs of fifty or one hundred.

Let all buy the N. C. Baptist Almanac.

D. N. NEWTON, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

D. W. McGUGAN IN ACCOUNT WITH

CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR 1881–'82.

1881. Oct. 13th	Received from Financial Committee—Minute Fund	$ 47 31	
	Total Minute Fund		$ 47 31
	Received from Financial Committee for Foreign Missions	77 95	
	By Collection at close of Missionary sermon	15 00	
	Rocky Mount Church for California Missions	5 00	
1882.	White Oak for third part Life Membership	10 00	
July 29th	Great Marsh Church	2 70	
	Green Spring Church	5 25	
1881.	Total for Foreign Missions		115 90
Oct. 13th	Received from Financial Committee for State Missions	7 45	
	White Oak Church—3rd part Life Membership	10 00	
1882.	By Collection at Association	10 00	
Jan. 29th	Cumberland Union through Eld. A. R. Pitman	3 43	
	Sabbath Collection at White Oak	9 64	
July 29th	Manchester Church	3 25	
1881.	Total for State Missions		43 77
Oct. 13th	Received of Financial Committee for Board of Education	28 00	
	White Oak Church—3rd part Life Membership	10 00	
1882.	By Collection at Association	6 13	
May 14th	By Collection at Providence Church	6 21	
1881.	Total for Education		50 34
Oct. 13th	On hand after paying Missionaries	58 36	
1882.	Received from Financial Committee for Associational Missions	38 56	
Jan. 28th	Received from Churches and friends at White Oak,	14 15	
April 29th	Received from Churches and friends at Cape Fear	6 68	
	Sabbath Collection at Cape Fear	5 00	
July 29th	Received from Churches and friends at Mount Pisgah	5 00	
	Sabbath Collection at Mt. Pisgah	4 95	
	Total for Associational Missions		132 70
	Total for all objects		390 02
	DISBURSEMENTS.		
1881. Oct. 15th	Paid to B. F. Montague, Treasurer Baptist S. C. for Foreign Missions	107 95	
1882. Aug. 2nd	Paid to B. F. Montague	7 95	
1881.	Total for Foreign Missions		115 90
Oct. 15th	Paid to B. F. Montague for State Missions	27 45	
Jan. 29 '82	“ “ “ “ “	13 07	
Aug. 2nd	“ ‘ “ “ “	3 25	
	Total for State Missions,		43 77

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TREASURER'S REPORT—*Continued.*

1881. Oct. 15th,	Paid to Prof. C. E. Taylor at Wake Forest College, for Board of Education,.............	$ 44 13	
1882. May 15th,	Paid to Prof. C. E. Taylor, from Providence Church..................................	6 21	
	Total...		$ 50 34
1881. Dec. 17th,	Paid to J. E. Garrett for Printing Minutes and Blank Church letters....................	33 31	
	Paid to Clerk for services.....................	15 00	
	Total,..		48 31
1882.	Paid to Missionaries:—		
Jan 29th,	To Eld E. J. Edwards at White Oak..........	9 00	
April 29th	" Eld. W. W. Willis for 1st and 2nd quarters, (Cape Fear)............................	15 00	
	" Eld. E. J. Edwards.......	9 00	
July 29th,	" Eld. W. W. Willis (at Mt. Pisgah)........	9 00	
	" Eld. E. J. Edwards........................	12 00	
	" Eld. J. G. Fisher........................	8 25	
Oct. 12th	" Eld. E. J. Edwards (at Great Marsh)......	3 00	
	" Eld. J. G. Fisher.........................	6 00	
	" Eld. W. W. Willis......	14 00	
	" Eld. Jas. A. Smith........................	7 00	
	Total paid to Missionaries..........		$ 92 25
	Total amount of disbursements...........		$ 350 57
Oct. 13th	In hands of Treasurer for Associational Missions......................................	39 45	

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed	Excluded.	Died.	Males	Females	Total Membership.	SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.						Post Offices.
										Teachers.	Pupils	Volumes in Library.	Papers taken.	Verses Memorized.	Superintendents.	
Cape Fear	..	..	..	3	3	1	39	51	90	2	30	100	....	....	I. B. Williams	Gray's Creek.
Cedar Creek	2	4	6	3	3	1	43	106	149	11	60	....	....	....	A. J. Guy	Cedar Creek.
Judson	..	..	..	..	3	2	25	55	80	5	35	20	...	....	J. Sessoms	Fayetteville.
Lebanon	5	3	1	3	..	1	29	52	81	7	30	50	....	....	D. B. Coleman	Savannah.
Antioch	..	.	.	..	7	1	46	65	111	5	42	104	....	....	H. L. Hall	Kyle's Landing.
Mount Tabour	5	1	..	..	..	..	10	19	29	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Manchester	20	..	..	6	1	..	31	57	88	8	62	140	20	....	R. W. Brooks	Manchester.
Rocky Mount	2	2	.	.	2	1	16	15	31	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Fayetteville	..	5	1	3	..	3	....	....	210	19	133	...	....	....	....	
Cedar Falls	..	7	..	1	..	..	12	24	36	7	23	----	....	....	James Vann	Fayetteville.
Rockfish	2	3	..	..	1	..	13	72	85	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Mount Pisgah	..	..	1	1	1	1	31	40	71	5	30	....	8	....	....	
Cumberland Union	5	4	1	..	5	1	28	41	69	6	60	104	3	....	W. S. Pope	Cedar Creek.
Beaver Dam	..	1	1	2	3	..	22	69	91	5	30	100	....	..	D. Bullard	Clay Fork.
Sharon	1	.	1	2	2	..	22	26	48	4	32	....	....	....	F. P. Smith	"
Corinth	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	35	42	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Mount Pleasant	2	..	1	1	1	1	22	36	58	4	31	...	13	....	J. Rogers	Clay Fork.
Smith's Chapel	1	..	..	..	1	2	43	50	93	4	40	30	....	....	D. L. Armstrong	Lisbon.
Cypress Creek	3	..	..	1	2	..	51	64	115	5	25	65	....	....	M. McK. Smith	Gray's Creek.
Brier Branch	5	..	2	1	..	1	42	83	125	8	54	100	....	....	W. W. Cain	Downingsville.
White Lake	4	1	2	11	1	2	54	93	147	6	28	180	15	...	R. H. Marshburn	Elizabethtown.
Kates' Chapel	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	3	7	4	15	20	....	600	J. G. Layton	Little Sugar Loaf.

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White Oak	18	4	2	5	3	7	76	122	198	7	70	100	42	....	D. M. Melvin	White Oak.
Shiloh	4	2	..	1	..	..	19	47	66	....	...	...	....	....	....	....
Sugg's Grove	5	2	2	..	..	..	9	11	20	5	56	..	..	....	I. C. Beard	Willis' Creek.
Bladen Union	..	2	1	4	..	..	45	68	113	4	20	50	....	....	A. H. Tolar	Willis' Creek.
Mount Olive	4	1	2	22	2	2	21	39	60	....	...	...	....	...	....	....
Green Spring	5	..	3	2	3	..	37	82	119	....	...	...	....	....	N. Johnson	Roslin.
Great Marsh	..	11	..	2	..	1	61	69	130	6	40	50	15	....	A. Odum	St. Paul's.
Providence	..	1	..	2	..	..	28	40	68	4	28	400	6	....	S. J. Cobb	Lumber Bridge.
Saddletree	..	1	..	8	1	..	44	61	105	8	55	150	....	....	L. Humphrey	Lumberton.
Jackson Swamp	..	..	..	..	1	..	16	23	39	....	45	50	....	....	S. Allen	Lumberton.
	93	55	27	84	46	28	946	1618	2674	149	1074	1813	122	600		

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associational Missi'ns.	Foreign Missi'ns.	Education.	State Missi'ns
Cape Fear	$ 1 00	$	$	$	$
Cedar Creek	2 85	3 50	2 10		
Judson	1 20	2 00	2 00		
Lebanon	2 00				
Antioch	1 00	5 00	5 00		
Mount Tabor	1 50	3 02	1 15		
Manchester	1 00		2 25		1 50
Rocky Mount	50	2 00	5 00	1 00	
Fayetteville	2 00				
Cedar Falls	1 00	2 00			
Rockfish	1 00				
Mount Pisgah	1 25	1 90	2 50	75	
Cumberland Union	1 10		2 65		85
Beaver Dam	1 65		5 37		
Sharon	1 50	2 85	5 00		50
Corinth	60				
Mount Pleasant					
Smith's Chapel	1 20		1 30		
Cypress Creek	2 00	2 00	9 00		
Brier Branch	2 00	3 13	5 20		
White Lake	2 65	1 00	4 00	2 00	4 00
Kates' Chapel	1 00	2 00	2 00		
White Oak	3 00				
Shiloh	1 50		8 65		
Sugg's Grove	75	1 00			
Bladen Union	1 50	2 60	2 60		
Mt. Olive	1 00	2 15	2 85		
Green Spring	2 00	5 00	5 55		
Great Marsh	2 00	6 50	5 00		
Providence	2 30	4 00	10 33		
Saddletree	1 50	6 75	6 75		
Jackson Swamp	1 00	2 30			
Total	$ 46 55	$ 60 70	$ 96 25	$ 3 75	$ 6 85

The above report has been carefully examined, and proven to be correct.

COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Cape Fear	A. R. Pitman	Gray's Creek, N. C.	N. H. Jones	Roslin, N. C.
Cedar Creek	A. R. Pitman	" " "	Chas. Jessup	Cedar Creek, "
Judson	J. G. Fisher	Roslin, "	A. J. Bullard	Idaho, "
Lebanon	J. M. Beasley	Fayetteville, "	C. T. Guy	Savannah, "
Antioch	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store, "	I. Strickland	Kyle's Landing, "
Mount Tabor	A. B. Alderman	" " "	Chas. T. Nixon	L'tle R'v'r Academy, "
Manchester	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek, "	H. J. Kivett	Manchester, "
Rocky Mount	E. J. Edwards	" " "	D. N. Newton	Fayetteville, "
Fayetteville	T. W. Ebeltoft	Fayetteville, "	Isaac Hollingsworth	" "
Cedar Falls	J. M. Beasley	" "	C. D. Hall	Savannah, "
Rockfish	E. D. Johnson	St. Paul's, "	J. M. White	Hope Mills, "
Mount Pisgah	A. R. Pitman	Gray's Creek, "	Wm. S. Fisher	Fayetteville, "
Cumberland Union	A. R. Pitman	" " "	Geo. F. Thagard	Cedar Creek, "
Beaver Dam	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork, "	P. P. Hall	Clay Fork, "
Sharon	J. B. Downing	White Oak, "	D. M. Beard	" " "
Corinth	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek, "	J. Horne	" " "
Mt. Pleasant	J. O. Tew	Huntly, "	J. Horne	" " "
Smith's Chapel	C. E. Beard	White Oak, "	W. R. Carter	Lisbon, "
Cypress Creek	J. B. Downing	" " "	M. McK. Smith	Cypress Creek, "
Brier Branch	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork, "	H. W. Cain	Downingsville, "
White Lake	Wm. S. Melvin	White Oak, "	Wm. H. Russ	Elizabethtown, "
Kate's Chapel	Wm. S. Melvin	" " "	H. H. Barnhill	Little Sugar Loaf, "
White Oak	Wm. S. Melvin	" " "	D. M. Melvin	White Oak, "
Shiloh	Wm. S. Melvin	" " "	Wm. J. Averitt,	Willis' Creek, "
Sugg's Grove	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork, "	Isaac Beard	" " "
Bladen Union	J. G. Fisher	Roslin, "	A. H. Tolar	" " "
Mount Olive	E. D. Johnson	St. Paul's, "	G. F. Allen	Tar Heel, "
Green Springs	E. D. Johnson	" "	M. Cashwell	Roslin, "
Great Marsh	E. D. Johnson	" "	A. Odum	St. Paul's, "
Providence	J. Monroe	Laurel Hill, "	D. W. McGugan	Dundarrach, "
Saddletree	J. D. Clark	St. Paul's, "	J. B. Carlile	St. Paul's, "
Jackson Swamp	N. Mercer	Lumberton, "	Jas. P. Mercer	Lumberton, "

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ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD FOR 1883--'84.

Churches and Members.

Cedar Creek—W. S. Hair.
Judson—W. H. Melvin.
Lebanon—R. D. Melvin.
Mt. Tabor—C. D. Nixon.
Manchester—R. W. Brooks.
Rocky Mount—D. N. Newton.
Fayetteville—A. H. Watson.
Cedar Falls—Jas. Vann.
Rockfish—J. M. White.
Mount Pisgah—Elder J. M. Beasley.
Cumberland Union—El. E. J. Edwards.
Beaver Dam—T. J. Bullard.
Sharon—R. W. Melvin.
Corinth—D. Carter.
Mount Pleasant—S. H. Melvin.

Churches and Members.

Smith's Chapel—W. R. Carter.
Cypress Creek—M. McK. Smith.
Brier Branch—J. H. Tatum.
White Oak—D. B. Melvin.
White Lake—W. H. Russ
Kate's Chapel—J. M. Bryan.
Shiloh—I. McGhee.
Sugg's Grove—P. Melvin.
Bladen Union—T. J. Riddle.
Mount Olive— ——— ———
Green's Spring—M. Cashwell.
Great Marsh—Elder E. D. Johnson.
Jackson Swamp—Elder N. Mercer.
Union Springs—R. T. Sandy.

Ordained Ministers and their Post Offices.

J. M. Beasley, Fayetteville, N. C.
F. W. Eason, Fayetteville, N. C.
I. T. Newton, Fayetteville, N. C.
W. C. West, Fayetteville, N. C.
J. H. Cobb, Lumber Bridge, N. C.
C. S. Cashwell, Roslin, N. C.
J. G. Fisher, Roslin, N. C.
J. B. Downing, Cedar Creek, N. C.
A. R. Pitman, Gray's Creek, N. C.
E. D. Johnson, St. Paul's, N. C.
E. J. Edwards, Cedar Creek, N. C.
L. Bryan, Elizabethtown, N. C.
Wm. S. Melvin, White Oak, N. C.
Wm. Brunt, White Oak, N. C.
D. S. Bullard, Clay Fork, N. C.
Jas. A. Smith, Antioch, N. C.
N. Mercer, Lumberton, N. C.
W. W. Willis, Lumberton, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

Tuesday, October 16th, 1883.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder C. S. Cashwell from the 25th Psalm and 14th verse: "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him; and He will shew them His covenant."

At the close of the sermon an interval of half an hour was given.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, Elder E. D. Johnson, who read the 6th chapter of Ephesians. The congregation sang the hymn commencing "Ye that obey the Immortal King." Prayer was then offered, Elder W. C. West leading.

The roll of Churches was called, and, a majority being represented, the Moderator declared the Association in order to transact its appropriate business.

Jas. Vann and Elder I. T. Newton were appointed a Committee of Finance.

Elder C. S. Cashwell and R. D. Melvin were appointed Reading Clerks.

The Church Letters were called for, read, and the names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Cape Fear—Elder A. R. Pitman, Jas. T. Thames* and S. Jones.
Cedar Creek—G. W. Jackson, S. O. James and W. S. Hair.
Judson—W. H. Melvin,* J. Horn and A. J. Bullard.
Lebanon—Elder W. C. West. J. S. Beard,* and R. D. Melvin.
Antioch—H. L. Hall, F. J. Williford and D. W. Pope.
Mount Tabour—C. D. Nixon,* R. R. Bell and C. T. Nixon.
Manchester—R. Howard, John Newton* and J. A. R. Howard.*
Rocky Mount—Elder I. T. Newton and D. K. Mints.
Fayetteville—A. H. Watson. R. F. Peterson and Jas. H. Benton.
Cedar Falls—Jas. Vann and C. D. Hall.*
Rockfish—Jno. M. White.
Mount Pisgah—W. J. Fisher, W. L. Nunalee and Elder J. M. Beasley.
Cumberland Union—Elder E. J. Edwards and N. Cashwell.
Beaver Dam—Elder D. S. Bullard, M. Hall and P. T. Smith.
Sharon—W. F. Beard, S. Horn and F. P. Smith.

CORINTH—D. Carter.
SMITH'S CHAPEL—Elder C. E. Beard and C. Cain.
CYPRESS CREEK—A. S. Smith and R. Smith.
BRIER BRANCH—J. H. Tatum, H. W. Cain and A. L. Jones.
WHITE LAKE—R. T. Melvin and F. M. Marshburn.
KATE'S CHAPEL—J. G. Laton.
WHITE OAK—Elder W. S. Melvin, Elder J. B. Downing and D. B. Melvin.
SHILOH—I. McGhee and M. H. Sewell.
SUGG'S GROVE—J. C. Beard.
MOUNT PLEASANT—J. Horn.
BLADEN UNION—D. Tyson.
MOUNT OLIVE—Wm. Monroe.
GREEN SPRING—Eld. C. S. Cashwell, J. H. Lancaster and Eld. J. G. Fisher.
GREAT MARSH—Elder E. D. Johnson, Eld. W. R. Johnson and J. G. Fisher.
PROVIDENCE—Elder Jas. A. Smith, D. W. McGugan and S. W. Rainer.
SADDLETREE—Represented by letter.
JACKSON SWAMP—Elder N. Mercer and Wm. Mercer.
UNION SPRINGS—R. T. Sandy and M. Strickland.
EPHESUS—R. W. Kinlaw and J. R. Rackley.

*The asterisk (*) after the names of delegates signifies absence.

The term of the officers of the Association having expired, the Association proceeded to ballot for the same. Elder J. G. Fisher was elected Moderator and D. W. McGugan Clerk and Treasurer.

An invitation was given to Churches wishing to connect with this Association. The Church at Union Springs in Cumberland County, a newly constituted Church, presented a letter petitioning admittance; also the Church at Ephesus in Robeson County, a newly organized Church, asked to be admitted. Both were received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

An invitation was given to corresponding and visiting brethren. Elder Wm. Brunt, from the Little River Association, and Brother D. J. Davis, from the South River Association, presented themselves and were welcomed to seats.

Appointed the male members of the Beaver Dam Church a Committee of Vigilance.

The Association then adjourned until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Prayer was offered, Elder Jas. A. Smith leading. Benediction by Elder Wm. Brunt.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, October 17th.

The Association convened at the appointed hour and spent half an hour in devotional exercises conducted by Elder J. B. Downing.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Churches not represented on yesterday were called, their letters read and the names of delegates enrolled.

Renewed the invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. Elder J. N. Stallings, from the Eastern Association, presented himself in behalf of the Clinton Female Institute and was welcomed to a seat.

The report on Home and Indian Missions was read, and, after an address by Elder A. R. Pitman, was adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Elder J. B. Downing. The Association was then addressed by Elder Jas. A. Smith, after which the report was adopted and ordered to be appended.

The following resolution was read, and, after short addresses from Elders E. J. Edwards and A. R. Pitman, was adopted.

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the Churches within its bounds the following plan for raising funds for Missions: Let every Church appoint four of its members as collectors, who shall serve three months each: one to collect for Foreign Missions, one for State Missions, one for Home and Indian Missions, and one for Associational Missions,—each collector to visit or see every member of the Church and solicit aid for their respective objects.

Elders E. D. Johnson and E. J. Edwards were appointed to select writers and subjects for next session.

Elder Wm. Brunt and A. H. Watson were appointed to select delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Elder C. S. Cashwell and I. McGhee were appointed a Committee to select corresponding messengers to sister Associations.

The Association then adjourned to hear the Missionary Sermon, at the close of which a collection, amounting to $23.11, was taken for Missions.

The Association took recess for half an hour.

At the appointed time the Association convened, but gave way to a meeting of the Associational Board.

The Association resumed business after the Board closed its session.

The report on obituaries was read and adopted.

The Committee appointed to select writers and subjects for next session reported the following:

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Elder J. M. Beasley,
HOME AND INDIAN MISSIONS—Elder J. B. Downing.

State Missions—Elder I. T. Newton.
Associational Missions. Elder W. R. Johnson.
Periodicals—I. McGhee.
Education—W. S. Hair.
Intemperance—R. D Melvin.
Sabbath Schools—Wm. S. Fisher.
Ministerial Support—Elder Wm. Brunt.
Obituaries—Elder D. S. Bullard.

The Committee appointed to select corresponding messengers submitted the following report:

To the Cape Fear—Elders Jas. A. Smith, E. D. Johnson and W. W. Willis.
To the South River—Elder C. S. Cashwell, Elder E. J. Edwards and J. G. Layton.
To the Wackamaw—Elder A. R. Pitman and Lewis Humphrey.
To the Sandy Creek—Elders J. M. Beasley and F. W. Eason.
To the Raleigh—Elder F. W. Eason and W. H. Tomlinson.
To the Little River—Elders W. C. West and I. T. Newton.

The report on Intemperance was read. Pending the motion to receive, the session was addressed by Elders W. C. West and W. R. Johnson, after which the report was adopted.

Agreed, that the next session of this Association be held with the Church at Cedar Creek, Cumberland County, to meet on Tuesday after the second Sabbath in October, 1884, Elder F. W. Eason to preach the Introductory Sermon on Tuesday at 11 o'clock, A. M., and Elder Wm. Brunt to preach the Missionary Sermon on Wednesday at 11 o'clock, A. M.

A preamble and resolutions for the further advancement of Sabbath Schools was then presented by Brother R. F. Peterson and adopted as follows, viz:

Whereas, There is great need for more exertion to be made in Sabbath School work than at present, be it therefore

Resolved, 1st. That this Association inaugurate a Sabbath School Institute, to meet on each 5th Sabbath and Saturday preceeding, for the purpose of forwarding to the best advantage the Sabbath School interest within the bounds of the same.

Resolved, 2nd. That an Executive Committee be appointed, consisting of five Superintendents of Sunday Schools, whose duty it shall be to locate the place of meeting of said Institute and such other matters as may be necessary for action by an executive committee.

Resolved, 3rd. That all Ministers, Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers be considered members of said body.

The Superintendents of the Sabbath Schools at Fayetteville, Cedar Creek, Beaver Dam, Lebanon and Cumberland Union were appointed as an Executive Committee in accordance with the above resolutions.

The report on Sabbath Schools was presented and read. Pending the adoption of same, the session was addressed by Elder J. N. Stallings and Elder Jas. A. Smith, after which the report was adopted.

Letters of dismission were granted to the Church at Antioch to connect with the South River Association, also to the Cape Fear, Providence, Saddletree and Ephesus Churches, for the purpose of uniting with the Robeson Association, to be formed on the 1st of November at Raft Swamp in Robeson County.

The Association then adjourned until 9.30 o'clock Thursday morning.

Benediction by Elder J. N. Stallings.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 18th.

The Association convened at the appointed hour and spent half an hour in devotional exercises by Elder I. T. Newton.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator.

The proceedings of the previous day were read and approved.

The names of delegates were called and absentees marked.

The invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren was renewed. None present.

The report on Ministerial Support was read, when, pending the motion to receive, the session was addressed by Elders James A. Smith, A. R. Pitman, E. J. Edwards and the Moderator, Elder J. G. Fisher, after which the report was adopted.

Appointed Brothers Wm. S. Hair and A. S. Smith an Auditing Committee.

The report on Periodicals was read, when the session was addressed by Elder A. R. Pitman, after which the report was adopted.

The Committee to select delegates to the Baptist State Convention made their report, which was received.

The Treasurer submitted his report, which was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the heartiest thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of the community for the bountiful and pleasant manner in which they have entertained the delegates and visitors during the session.

The Clerk was instructed to have as many copies of the Minutes printed as the funds in hand would justify, and distribute *pro rata*, the clerk to have 15.00 for his services.

The Financial Committee submitted their report, which was received.

The report of the Associational Board was read and adopted.

The Auditing Committee submitted their report, which was received.

The Minutes of the day were read and approved.

The Association then adjourned. Prayer offered, Elder A. R. Pitman leading. The Association sang the hymn, "When I can read my title clear." Benediction by Elder Wm. S. Melvin.

J. G. FISHER, MODERATOR.

D. W. MCGUGAN, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD.

The Associational Mission Board, at its first meeting at Great Marsh, appointed Elder W. W. Willis to visit Red Springs, Robeson County, monthly; Elder J. G. Fisher to visit Parker's School House in same County, and Elder E. J. Edwards to visit Corinth, a feeble Church in Sampson County. Elder W. R. Johnson was appointed to visit Tolar's School House monthly during the first quarter.

Our second meeting was held with the Church at Lebanon on December 30th, 1882.

Elder W. R. Johnson reported four days' services.

Elder J. G. Fisher reported eleven days' services; baptized nine persons; was assisted five days by Elder E. C. Cashwell, and, in December, assisted by Elder J. M. Beasley, organized a Church of twelve members.

Elders Willis and Edwards failed to report.

Our third meeting was held with the Church at Green Spring on the 28th of April, 1883.

Elder W. R. Johnson reported six days' services.

Elder J. G. Fisher reported nine days' services; baptized five persons; was assisted three days by Elder J. M. Beasley, and ordained two Deacons.

Elder E. J. Edwards reported but two days' services.

Elder J. G. Fisher was continued at Parker's School House, now Ephesus.

The station at Tolar's School House was discontinued.

Elder I. T. Newton was appointed to visit Corinth monthly, Elder E. J. Edwards being employed elsewhere. Elder W. R. Johnson was appointed to visit Beaver Creek monthly during the next quarter.

Our fourth meeting was held with the Church at Providence on the 29th of July, 1883.

Elder J. G. Fisher reported six days' services and baptism of one person.

Elder W. R. Johnson reported twelve days' services, assisted five days by Elder E. D. Johnson.

Elder I. T. Newton reported eight days' services.

Elder J. G. Fisher was continued at Ephesus.

Elder W. R. Johnson was continued at Beaver Creek.

Elder Jas. A. Smith was appointed to visit Red Springs, Robeson County, monthly until the meeting of the Association.

Our fifth meeting was held with the Church at Antioch on the 29th day of September, 1883.

Elder J. G. Fisher reported eleven days' services at Ephesus; baptized seventeen persons, and two now awaiting the administering of the ordinance.

Elder W. R. Johnson reported twelve days' services and the constituting of a Church of twenty-two members named Union Springs. He was assisted four days by Elder E. D. Johnson.

Our last meeting was held with the Church at Beaver Dam on the 17th of October, 1883, at which time Elder W. W. Willis reported four days' services rendered the first quarter of the Associational year at Red Springs, Robeson County, and Elder Jas. A. Smith one day at the same point.

Thus you have the labors of the Board the past Associational year. The labors of the Missionaries aggregate one hundred and three days' services, costing the Board one hundred and fifty-one dollars and fifty cents ($151 50). There were thirty-two baptisms, two Churches constituted, and one weak Church assisted. Let us not cease our labors, but endeavor to contribute of our substance to the cause of Missions until every corner of the moral vineyard will rejoice as a garden well tilled and watered, and songs of praise resound from every hill and valley throughout our borders; and all the honor shall be to the Lord of Glory forever.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. BEASLEY, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME AND INDIAN MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We desire to see Satan chained and cast out; we wish to see the earth filled with the knowledge and glory of God, and we desire to see the time when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess Christ—"Lord of Lords and King of Kings." Let us hasten the coming of this glorious day. This we may do, and only can do, by greater activity in the work of Missions at home and abroad. Especially let us provide for the evangelization of the Indian—holding forth the Word of Life to those to whom American civilization has been a Ministry of Death. This people, driven from their homes by our race, turn their pleading eyes to us and ask if christianity offers no compensation for the wrongs received at our hands. The Chinese in our midst are starving for the "Bread of Life," walking in darkness and crying to to us for the "Lamp of Life." Let every sinner saved by grace feel morally and religiously bound to send or carry the means of grace to lost and perishing souls.

Respectfully submitted,
E. J. EDWARDS, Chairman.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee believe the Sabbath School work to be the work of the laymen of the Church. They can and are implanting in the minds of the young the Word of Truth that we see so often blessed to the glory of God and to the salvation of souls, and we believe that every Church in this Association should be engaged in this work, knowing that the Lord has given to every man his work to do.

W. R. JOHNSON.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

By reference to the Minutes of this Association for the past twenty-five years, you can see that a great part of the Churches of this body and some of the Churches of sister Associations have been built up through this Associational Board.

The reports of our Missionaries, from time to time, show to us that the Lord has been with them, and eternity alone will reveal how many have been saved by the instrumentality of this Board.

During the past Associational year I have baptized at Ephesus thirty-two persons. We have organized a Church at that place and one at Union Springs. But, while much has been done, there is much still to be done. There is in the western portion of Robeson and the adjoining part of Cumberland a very important field for us, where the doctrines of the Bible have not been preached as we believe them.

Let us pray the Lord to send forth laborers into the vineyard, and with more liberal hands enable them to faithfully preach the Word.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. G. FISHER, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The marvelous success attending the labors of our Missionaries in foreign fields should be an encouragement to us to put forth greater efforts than ever before to send the gospel to the heathen.

In almost every field where we have Missionaries at work their labors have been wonderfully blessed. The *Baptist Missionary Magazine* for July has in it the following statements concerning the Telugees: During the year ending January 1st, the number of baptisms was 2,078, swelling the aggregate of Church members to 22,277. In addition to these a letter recently received from Elder Clough reports 1,170 baptisms in the Ongobe district alone since January 1st, and enough others are known to have been received at other stations to make all the baptisms since that date about 2,000 on the Ongobe field alone. There are now more than 20,000 Baptists. The division in 1881 of the single

Church, into which most of these had been gathered, so as to make twenty-six Churches, and the separation into five posts, with as many stations, of that great field of five thousand square miles, have greatly facilitated the labors of the Missionaries and the development of Christian influence.

An encouraging feature of the work is that our Missionaries are now beginning to reach a somewhat higher class of the population. The Redebies, or farmers who own their farms, raise the cattle, and are the class who, under the influence of the Brahmins, are the most numerous contributors to temple worship, are beginning to manifest more than usual interest in Christianity, and some of them have been converted.

The reports show that the work of discipline, inevitably necessary after an unusual ingathering at home or abroad, has not been neglected by our Missionaries. Considerable care has been taken to preserve consistency of christian character among the converts, but the number of cases of discipline has not been large. Out of the 22,000 of Telugees baptized there were only 387 excluded last year, less than one and one-fourth per cent.

Let us remember that this report only shows us what our Missionaries are doing in one single field, to say nothing of their success in China, Japan, Burmah, India and many other countries where their labors are signally blessed. The wonderful manner in which the Lord is blessing the labor bestowed on foreign fields should greatly encourage us. and certainly calls for renewed efforts on our part to give the gospel to the heathen.

Dr. Yeates says 1,000 Missionaries are needed in China alone to reap the fields already white with the harvest of millions of souls. He declares that China is open to the gospel as never before, and the same may be said of almost all heathen lands. They are hungry for the Bread of Life. It is said that 850,000,000 of souls are without the gospel. Surely there is a weighty responsibility resting upon Christians! Let us realize it, and, as blood-bought souls, go to work for the Master with greater zeal than ever.

J. B. DOWNING, Chairman of Committee.

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

Dear Brethren:—When we consider that the receipts for all the cotton raised in North Carolina are not equal to those for strong drink, well may we ask, in the language of the prophet, "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which satisfieth not?" The strength of a chain is in its weakest link. If man be judged by the same rule, how many, oh! how many detract from their true worth by useless indulgence in this hurtful, hateful habit. In view of these things, let us exclaim, in humility and love, with the psalmist, David, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou visitest him?"

O, that the time may soon come when christians will have brighter conceptions of their true worth, and remember that they are made only a little lower than the angels and crowned with glory and honor.

C. P. McGUGAN, Chairman of Committee.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The subject of ministerial support is one that should receive the earnest attention of our Association and all of our Churches. The scriptures, in speaking about the exalted character and dignity of the ministerial office, says: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings of good; that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, thy God reigneth." It is a divine and heavenly office, established by God himself, for the grand purpose of publishing salvation to a lost and ruined world. It is a parting gift from Christ to his blood-bought Church, for he gave the ministry for "the perfecting of the saints" and for the edifying of the body of Christ.

This being the truth of God's word, it is the bounden duty of the Church to maintain and extend a cordial support to the gospel ministry. The apostle declares, "It is written thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn." Again, he says, "Who goeth to warfare at his own charges?" The law of Christ declares that "they that preach the gospel shall live by the gospel." Christ commands that this ministry be sustained, and, brethren, if under the law the Priesthood was sustained by the offerings of the people, much more, under the gospel, should the Ministers of Christ receive the bounties of the Church. One of the sins of the present day is a failure to appreciate and support the gospel ministry. Christ's Ministers should be free from temporal care and the entanglements of this life, in order that their whole time may be devoted to the flock of God.

In view of all these facts, as presented to us in the scriptures, therefore be it resolved:

1st. That the Churches of this Association be and are hereby earnestly solicited and advised to obey the commands of the gospel touching ministerial support.

2nd. That the pastors of all our Churches declare the whole counsel of God, and urge their respective flocks to come up to the full standard of christion benevolence in advancing the kingdom of God's dear Son.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. McGUGAN.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals would recommend to the brethren the *Biblical Recorder* as the true exponent of Baptist principles, and as the organ of our denomination in the State. No well informed Baptist can afford to be without it. As the *Recorder* prospers the denomination is the better upheld and its principles better disseminated and defended. We would furthermore recommend that every pastor and layman in this Association do their utmost to increase its circulation in our midst.

We would furthermore recommend *Kind Words* as a good Sabbath School paper, better suited to our Sabbath Schools than any other paper of that kind in our knowledge.

We also recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., to keep our people more interested in the foreign mission work.

W. S. MELVIN.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee have the pleasure of reporting that the number of deaths among our membership the past Associational year are more than twenty-five per cent. less than it has been for the same length of time for several years, and none of our prominent members have died the past year. Should we not be thankful for such manifestation of God's kind care of us, and spend those lives thus prolonged more to his honor and glory?

E. D. JOHNSON.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

D. W. McGUGAN in Account with

Cedar Creek Baptist Association for 1882–'83.

1882. Oct. 12th	Received from Financial Committee—Minute Fund	$ 46 55	
	Total Minute Fund		$ 46 55
	Received from Financial Committee for Foreign Missions	97 00	
	From White Oak Church for third part of Life Membership	10 00	
	Total for Foreign Missions		107 00
	Received from Financial Committee for State Missions	6 85	
	From White Oak Church for third part of Life Membership	10 00	
	Total for State Missions		16 85
	Received of Financial Committee for Education	3 75	
	From White Oak Church for third part of Life Membership	10 00	
	Total for Education		13 75
	Received of Miss Emma Newton for Indian Missions	1 00	
	Total for Indian Missions		1 00
	Received from Financial Committee for Associational Missions	60 70	
	On hand October 12th, 1882 for the same	40 45	
	Received from Cedar Creek Church	1 25	
	Received from Lebanon Church	3 00	
	By collection at Association at the close of Missionary Sermon	28 50	
Dec. 29th	Received at Lebanon from Churches and Stations	11 55	
1883.	Sabbath collection at Lebanon	4 00	
April 27th	Received at Green Spring from Churches and friends	12 50	
July 28th	Received at Providence from Churches and friends	4 85	
	Sabbath collection at Providence	5 40	
Sept. 29th	Rec'd at Antioch from Churches and stations	13 02	
	Sabbath collection at Antioch was given to Union Springs Church to enable them to complete their building.		
	Total for Associational Missions		185 22
	Total for all objects		$370 37
	DISBURSEMENTS.		
1882. Oct. 17th	Paid to B. F. Montague, Treasurer Baptist State Convention, for Foreign Missions	$ 107 00	
	Total for Foreign Missions		$107 00
	Paid B. F. Montague, for State Missions	16 85	
	Total for State Missions		16 85

TREASURER'S REPORT—*Continued.*

1882.			
Oct. 17th	Paid to B. F. Montague for Education	$ 13 75	
	Total for Education		$ 13 75
	Paid to B. F. Montague for Indian Missions	1 00	
	Total for Indian Missions		1 00
Dec. 11th	Paid to Garrett & Myrover for printing Minutes	26 86	
	Paid to Clerk for services	15 00	
	Total		41 86
	Paid Missionaries during the year:—		
Dec. 29th	To Elder C. S. Cashwell at Lebanon	5 00	
	“ Elder J. G. Fisher “ “	16 50	
1883.	“ Eld. W. R. Johnson “ “	6 00	
April 28th	“ Elder E. J. Edwards at Green Spring	3 00	
	“ Elder J. G. Fisher at “ “	13 50	
	“ Elder W. R. Johnson at “ “	9 00	
July 29th	“ Elder J. G. Fisher at Providence	9 00	
	“ Elder I. T. Newton at “	12 00	
	“ Elder W. R. Johnson at “	25 50	
	“ Elder J. M. Beasley at “	4 50	
Sept. 29th	“ Elder W. R. Johnson at Antioch	24 00	
	“ Elder J. G. Fisher at “	16 50	
Oct. 17th	“ Elder W. W. Willis at Beaver Dam	6 00	
	“ Elder Jas. A. Smith at “ “	1 50	
	Total paid to Missionaries		152 00
	Total amount of disbursements		$ 332 46
	In hands of Treasurer for Associational Missions	33 22	

We have examined the above account and find it correct.

W. S. HAIR, } Auditing Committee.
A. S. SMITH, }

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	S. S. Board	Minute Fund.	Associational Missi'ns.	Foreign Missi'ns.	State Mis's.	Education.	Totals.
Cape Fear		$ 1 00	$ 2 43	$ 2 00	2 25		$ 7 68
Cedar Creek		2 60					2 60
Judson		1 20		1 00			2 20
Lebanon		2 00	4 00				6 00
Antioch			6 00				6 00
Mount Tabour		1 00	1 95	3 60			6 55
Manchester		75		3 65	2 75		7 15
Rocky Mount	25	1 00	1 00	4 25			6 50
Fayetteville		2 00	5 00				7 00
Cedar Falls		1 50	1 00				2 50
Union Springs		1 00					1 00
Rockfish		1 00					1 00
Mount Pisgah	20	1 25		4 10	47	20	6 22
Cumberland Union		25			2 40		2 65
Beaver Dam		1 10		3 11			4 21
Sharon		2 00		2 02			4 02
Corinth		40					40
Mount Pleasant		50					50
Smith's Chapel		1 00					1 00
Cypress Creek		1 30	2 50	5 00			8 80
Brier Branch		2 00	3 00	38			5 38
White Lake		3 10		6 95	6 42		16 47
Kate's Chapel		25					25
White Oak		3 50			1 85		5 35
Shiloh		1 50		2 80			4 30
Sugg's Grove		60	1 55				2 15
Bladen Union		1 35					1 35
Mount Olive		75	1 00	63			2 38
Green Spring		2 50	3 00	5 00	4 60		15 10
Great Marsh		1 50	4 20	4 50			10 20
Providence		2 35	3 15	11 00			16 50
Saddletree		1 50	5 00	7 25			13 75
Jackson Swamp		80	1 20				2 00
Ephesus		70					70
Total	45	$ 45 25	$ 45 98	$ 67 24	$20 74	20	$179 86

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Received by Letter.	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total Membership.	SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.						
										Teachers	Pupils	Volumns in Library.	Papers Taken.	Verses Memorized.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.
Cape Fear	12	2	1	3	3	1	42	57	99							
Cedar Creek	7	2	8	4	4		46	113	159	11	93	100			A. J. Guy	Cedar Creek.
Judson				1	3	2	21	54	75			30	14			
Lebanon	5	2	1	5			31	55	86	6	30	50			R. J. Harrison	Savannah.
Antioch	8	2					53	67	120							
Mt. Tabor	4	1					11	19	30	2	20				Chas. T. Nixon	Little River Academy.
Manchester	4		1	1	3	1	33	59	92	8	62	140			Z. T. Kivett	Manchester.
Rocky Mount	11	1	1	1			20	20	40	4	15				W. C. Dicks	Fayetteville.
Fayetteville		4		5	2	1			206	22	118					
Cedar Falls	6	3			2		14	29	43	6	30	40			Jas. Vann	Fayetteville.
Union Springs		4					7	19	26							
Rockfish			1	21	2		10	52	62			50				
Mount Pisgah	20	2	1	3	1	1	36	50	86	8	35		10		Wm. S. Fisher	Fayetteville.
Cumberl'd Union			1	2	2	1	27	36	63				3		Wm. S. Pope	Cedar Creek.
Beaver Dam		1		1		3	24	61	85							
Sharon	1	3		1	3		20	27	47	3	12				John Davis	Clay Fork.
Corinth							8	32	40							
Mount Pleasant		1		2			21	33	54	4	26	60	6		J. Rodgers	
Smith's Chapel		1		3	1		41	49	90	4	30				R. Cain	Lisbon.
Cypress Creek					1	1	47	64	111	5	55	70	12		Francis Smith	Cypress Creek.
Brier Branch				6	3	1	39	76	115	8	46	108			H. W. Cain	Downingsville.
White Lake	5		3	4	2	3	52	92	144	6	24	180	10		R. H. Marshburn	Elizabethtown.

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Kates' Chapel	3	1	..	..	1	1	6	3	9	7	33	40	1	.....	J. G. Layton	Little Sugar Loaf.
White Oak	6	7	..	.	3	2	77	128	205	6	50	100	...	.....	D. M. Melvin	White Oak.
Shiloh	1	1	2	5	..	1	20	45	65	3	32	....	...	...	I. McGhee	Willis' Creak.
Sugg's Grove	1	2	..	1	..	..	11	15	26	5	62	....	...	.....	Isaac C. Beard	Love Land.
Bladen Union	...	..	..	..	..	1	46	68	114	5	35	60	...	2044	A. H. Tolar	Willis' Creek.
Mount Olive	..	..	..	..	..		20	36	56	...	....	....	...	.....	....	
Green Spring	12	3	1	2	2	1	46	82	128	...	...	.	...	....	....	
Great Marsh	16	5	..	2	1	1	66	75	146	8	40	50	20	.....	Wm. S. Johnson	St. Paul's.
Providence	11	13	..	4	..	..	40	46	86	3	20	350	12	.....	C. P. McGugan	Lumber Bridge.
Saddletree	...	2	..	2	5	1	39	60	99	7	42	....	48	.....	L. Humphrey	Lumberton.
Jackson Swamp	9		1	1	1	1	20	28	48	7	50	100	...	8000	J. P. Mercer	Lumberton.
Ephesus	31	5	..	..	..	1	...	...	...	4	32	....	...	.....	R. W. Kinlaw	Lumber Bridge.
	173	68	22	80	45	25	994	1551	2855	152	992	1528	136	10044		

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Cape Fear	A. R. Pitman	Gray's Creek, N. C.	Spurgeon Jones	Grey's Creek, N. C.
Cedar Creek	J. G. Fisher	Roslin, “	Charles Jessup	Cedar Creek, “
Judson	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork, “	A. J. Bullard	Idaho, “
Lebanon	J. M. Beasley	Fayetteville, “	R. J. Harrison	Savannah, “
Antioch	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store, “	Isaac Strickland	Kyle's Landing, “
Mount Tabour	S. C. Page	“ “	C. T. Nixon	L'tle R'v'r Academy, “
Manchester	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek, “	H. J. Kivett	Manchester, “
Rocky Mount	E. J. Edwards	“ “	D. N. Newton	Fayetteville, “
Fayetteville	F. W. Eason	Fayetteville, “	W. J. Tolar	“ “
Cedar Falls	J. M. Beasley	“ “	C. D. Hall	Savannah, “
Union Springs	W. R. Johnson	St. Paul's, “	B. F. West	Fayetteville, “
Rockfish	W. R. Johnson	“ “	E. W. M. White	Hope Mills, “
Mount Pisgah	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek, “	Wm. S. Fisher	Fayetteville, “
Cumberland Union	A. R. Pitman	Gray's Creek, “	Geo. F. Thagard	Cedar Creek, “
Beaver Dam	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store, “	A. Simmons	Clay Fork, “
Sharon	J. B. Downing	White Oak, “	D. M. Beard	“ “
Corinth			John Horne	“ “
Mount Pleasant	J. O. Tew	Huntly, “	D. H. Melvin	Belmont, “
Smith's Chapel	C. E. Beard	White Oak, “	W. R. Carter	Lisbon, “
Cypress Creek	J. B. Downing	“ “	M. McK. Smith	Cypress Creek, “
Brier Branch	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork, “	H. W. Cain	Downingsville, “
White Lake	J. B. Downing	White Oak, “	W. H. Russ	Elizabethtown, “
Kate's Chapel	W. S. Melvin	“ “	J. M. Bryan	Little Sugar Loaf, “
White Oak	Wm. Brunt	“ “	D. M. Melvin	White Oak, “
Shiloh	Wm. S. Melvin	“ “	W. H. Sewell	Willis' Creek, “
Sugg's Grove	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork, “	Isaac C. Beard	Love Land, “
Bladen Union	J. G. Fisher	Roslin, “	A. H. Tolar	Willis' Creek, “
Mount Olive	Wm. S. Melvin	White Oak, “	G. F. Allen	Tar Heel, “
Green Spring	J. G. Fisher	Roslin, “	M. Cashwell	Roslin, “
Great Marsh	E. D. Johnson	St. Paul's, “	A. Odum	St. Paul's, “
Providence	J. Monroe	Laurel Hill, “	D. W. McGugan	Lumber Bridge, “
Saddletree	E. D. Johnson	St. Paul's, “	S. Humphrey	Lumberton, “
Jackson Swamp	N. Mercer	Lumberton, “	Jas. T. Mercer	“ “
Ephesus	J. G. Fisher	Roslin, “	W. J. Davis	Lumber Bridge, “

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CHURCHES AND MEMBERS.

Cedar Creek—A. J. Guy.
Judson—W. H. Melvin.
Lebanon—R. D. Melvin.
Mount Tabor—C. D Nixon.
Manchester—P. Howard.
Rocky Mount—D. N. Newton.
Cedar Falls—T. R. Taylor.
Rockfish—E. W. Musselwhite.
Mount Pisgah—W. L. Nunnally.
Cumberland Union—El. E. J. Edwards.
Beaver Dam—J. J. Bullard.
Sharon—George Melvin.
Corinth—D. Carter.
Mt. Pleasant—J. K. Melvin.

CHURCHES AND MEMBERS.

Smith's Chapel—W. R. Carter.
Cypress Creek—M. McK. Smith.
Brier Branch—J. H. Tatum.
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White Lake—R. H. Marshburn.
Kate's Chapel—J. G. Layton.
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Sugg's Grove—S. R. Cain.
Bladen Union—A. H. Tolar.
Mount Olive—G. F. Allen.
Green Springs—M. Cashwell.
Great Marsh—W. S. Johnson.
Jackson Swamp—Elder N. Mercer.
Union Springs—Geo. Douglass.

Ordained Ministers and their Post Offices.

J. M. Beasley, Fayetteville, N. C.
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W. S. Melvin, White Oak, N. C.
D. S. Bullard, Clay Fork, N. C.
N. Mercer, Lumberton, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY, October 14th, 1884.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder F. W. Eason from the 3rd chapter and 9th verse of Proverbs, and the 3rd chapter and 8th verse of Malachi: "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase."—"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings."

At the close of the sermon a recess of half-an-hour was taken.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. G. Fisher, who read the 2nd chapter of James. The congregation sang the hymn commencing "Come ye that love the Lord." Prayer was then offered, Elder W. T. Jordan leading.

The Clerk being absent, R. D. Melvin was appointed temporary Clerk.

The roll of Churches was called, and a majority being represented, the Moderator declared the Association in order to transact its appropriate business.

James Vann and R. W. Brooks were appointed a Committee of Finance.

Ralph Jessup and Jesse Newton were appointed Reading Clerks.

The Church Letters were called for, read, and the names of delegates enrolled as follows:

CEDAR CREEK—J. E. Averitt, G. W. West and Ralph Jessup.
JUDSON—Love McDaniel, T. J. Haywood and L. Sessoms.
LEBANON—Elders J. M. Beasley, W. C. West and R. D. Melvin.
MOUNT TABOR—C. D. Nixon, J. Reardon and R. Collier.
MANCHESTER—R. Howard, J. Goodman and R. W. Brooks.
ROCKY MOUNT—J. L. Mints, W. C. Dicks and Elder I. T. Newton.

Fayetteville—R. F. Peterson, W. J. Tolar and Elder F. W. Eason.
Cedar Falls—Jas. Vann, T. R. Taylor and D. A. Buie.
Rockfish—E. W. Musselwhite, M. Morgan and J. Deaver.
Mount Pisgah—W. S. Fisher, M. H. Hall and S. B. Tolar.
Cumberland Union—W. H. McDonald, W. S. Pope and A. S. Thagard.
Sharon—Geo. R. Beard, Geo. B. Melvin and R. O. Beard.
Corinth—Not represented.
Mount Pleasant—H. Melvin, S. H. Melvin and J. K. Melvin.
Smith's Chapel—T. F. Rich, W. Cain and H. Carter.
Cypress Creek—A. S. Smith, M. McK. Smith and F. Smith.
Brier Branch—J. H. Tatom, H. W. Cain and A. L. Jones.
White Oak—D. B. Melvin, D. M. Melvin and D. S. Tatom.
White Lake—R. H. Marshburn, J. R. Mulford and M. Peterson.
Beaver Dam—Elder D. S. Bullard, J. J. Bullard and P. P. Hall.
Kate's Chapel—J. G. Layton, W. J. Sutton and Gaston Sutton.
Shiloh—D. D. Salmon, M. D. Averitt and W. L. Ellis.
Sugg's Grove—S. R. Cain, P. Melvin and I. C. Beard.
Bladen Union—R. Riddle, M. Willis and A. H. Tolar.
Mount Olive—N. Allen, J. B. Allen and W. M. Monroe.
Green Springs—D. A. McNeill, Elders T. J. Baker and J. G. Fisher.
Great Marsh—Elder E. D. Johnson, A. Odum and R. B. Humphrey.
Jackson's Swamp—Elder N. Mercer, A. H. Mercer, J. P. Mercer.
Union Springs—W. S. Rackley, B. F. West and Geo. Douglass.

The term of the officers of the Association having expired, the Association proceeded to ballot for the same. Elder J. G. Fisher was elected Moderator and R. D. Melvin Clerk and Treasurer.

An invitation was given to Churches wishing to connect with this Association. None present.

An invitation was given to corresponding and visiting brethren. Elder W. T. Jordan, from the Robeson Association, announced himself as agent for the *Biblical Recorder*. Elder H. W. Graham, from the Little River, and Brother D. T. Averitt, from the South River Associations, presented themselves as visitors and were welcomed to seats.

J. B. Downing announced himself as a Corresponding Messenger with a package of minutes from the South River Association, and was welcomed to a seat.

Appointed the male members of Cedar Creek Church a Committee of Vigilance.

Appointed the Deacons of Cedar Creek Church a Committee to arrange the preaching exercises.

A letter of dismission was granted the Fayetteville Church to connect with the Robeson Association.

The Association then adjourned until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Prayer was then offered, R. D. Melvin leading. Benediction by Elder Wm. Brunt.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, October 15th.

The Association convened at the appointed hour and spent half an hour in devotional exercises conducted by Elder T. B. Newberry.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Renewed the invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. Elder A. R. Pittman presented himself as a corresponding and visiting messenger from the Robeson Association with a package of minutes from that Association, and was welcomed to a seat.

Churches not represented yesterday were called. None present.

The report on Periodicals was read by Elder W. T. Jordan. Pending the motion to receive, the session was addressed by Elders W. T. Jordan, A. R. Pittman, J. M. Beasley, T. B. Newberry and the Moderator. The report was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The Association then adjourned to hear the missionary sermon by Elder William Brunt from Matthew 3rd chapter and 7th verse: "Who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

At the close of the sermon a collection amounting to $10.75 was taken for State, Home and Indian Missions.

The amount paid over ($23.11) by the former Treasurer was appropriated to State, Home and Indian Missions (less the amount, $4.13, due former Treasurer.)

After an intermission of half an hour the Association met and gave way for a meeting of the Associational Board.

After the Board closed its session the Association resumed business.

Renewed the invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. Elder Reuben Fisher presented himself as a messenger from the South River Association and was welcomed to a seat.

Churches not represented yesterday were again called. Jackson Swamp and Sharon presented their letters and the names of delegates were enrolled.

A resolution that the Association instruct the Associational Board how to appropriate the funds in the hands of the Treasurer was adopted.

The report on Associational Missions was read by Elder W. R. Johnson. After some remarks by the Moderator the report was adopted.

Appointed Elder Wm. Brunt and Z. B. Newton a Committee to nominate writers on different subjects for the next session of the Association.

Appointed James Vann and Elder E. D. Johnson to select correspondents to sister Associations.

Appointed R. F. Peterson and Elder D. S. Bullard to select delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Report on Intemperance read by R. D. Melvin. After a short address by R. F. Peterson the report was adopted.

Report on Obituaries read by Elder D. S. Bullard and adopted.

The Association then adjourned until 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

Prayer, Elder E. Johnson leading.

Benediction by Elder N. Mercer.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 16th.

The Association convened at the appointed hour and opened by reading the 84th Psalm and singing, conducted by Elder J. M. Beasley. Prayer, Bro R. F. Peterson leading.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD.

The Associational Board, after its organization at Beaver Dam, held its first meeting with the Church at Lebanon December 29th, 1883. W. C. West was appointed to visit Walker's School House monthly.

Our second meeting was held with the Church at Bladen Union March 29th, 1884. Elder W. C. West reported four days' services. Elder J. G. Fisher was appointed to visit the western part of Cumberland County monthly.

Our third meeting was held with the Church at Mount Pisgah June 28th, 1884. Elder J. G. Fisher reported two days' services. Elder Reuben Newton was appointed to the western part of Cumberland County monthly. Elder J. M. Beasley was appointed to visit the Cumberland County Poor House monthly.

Our fourth meeting was held with the Church at Cumberland Union on August 30th, 1884. Eldor J. M. Beasley reported two days' services. Elder E. J. Edwards was appointed to visit Rockfish monthly until the Association.

The Board has paid for Associational work $12 00 and for Education and State Missions $16 85.

Let us not be discouraged. We have done a noble work in the past, and yet there is good that can be done through this Board.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. JOHNSON, Chairman.

R. D. MELVIN, Secretary.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee would earnestly recommend the free circulation and perusal of all good books and papers. Corrupt, trashy litereture is among the greatest evils of our day, and its influence can only be counteracted by the circulation of good literature.

The *Biblical Recorder* has been so long connected with the foremost and best interests of the denomination in the State that it has become a necessity. We commend it to the brethren as sound in faith and doctrine and worthy of their support.

Kind Words, our Sunday School paper, and the *Foreign Mission Journal* should be in every family in the denomination.

We also commend, in addition to these, every good book or paper that tends to instruct, edify and improve.

W. T. JORDAN.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

One would naturally judge that where a man renders service he ought to be paid for it. But ministerial service rests not only on such a basis, but also on express teachings of the Holy Scriptures. (See 1st Cor., chapter 9.) If this chapter does not teach that ministerial support is a sacred obligation, it is because language fails. But are we not all agreed that the ministry ought to be well supported? We all answer, yes, the ministry ought to be supported well. Let us be agreed that our ministry has not been supported as well by far as it should have been.

Respectfully,

COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

By reference to the minutes of the past twenty-six years it will be seen that most of the churches and a great many sister Associations have been built up through the instrumentality of this Board. The reports of our missionaries during this time show that the Lord has been with them. While much has been done, there is still work to do. In the western part of Robeson and Cumberland Counties and the lower part of Bladen there are important fields for us. Does not the Lord call on us to supply these places with the word? Let us pray the Lord to send forth laborers, and with willing hands let us hold them up that they may more successfully preach.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. JOHNSON.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The work of missions in the bounds of our own State is a work of great importance. We are responsible to the world for the dissemination of the truth as we hold it. How much more for the instruction of the people around us? The State Mission Board has this object in view and is doing this work as far as it has the means to prosecute this great enterprise. It is endeavoring to build up the waste places and carry the gospel into destitute sections. We think it advisable for all the Associations in the State to co-operate with this Board, so as to exhibit in the Baptist State Convention the full amount of money spent and sermons preached under the direction of their several Boards. In this way all the destitute sections in the State can be reached, and all the missionary work done in our State will be our own work. We want all the centres of influence provided with a pure gospel and all the churches to aid in this glorious work. Aid the faithful servants of God in planting the banner of the cross in all our growing towns, villages and country stations. Let us co-operate in the State Mission work.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. MELVIN,
A. S. SMITH.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Southern Baptist Convention was formed or organized in Augusta, Ga., May the 8th, 1845. The Baptists North and South had been for several years working together in the interest of Foreign Missions, but the subject of slavery was so understood by our Northern brethren as to prevent them from co-operating with the South, refusing to appoint as missionaries any who owned slaves. You see, therefore, the necessity for the above-named organization. At the same time and place the Foreign Missionary, Domestic Missionary and Bible Boards were organized. From that day to this the Foreign Missionary work has been carried on by the South through her own Board. They have, under God, accomplished an immense amount of good. Hundreds and thousands of dollars have been expended in carrying on this glorious work.

The amount of good accomplished among the heathen already is a guarantee to any of us that money given for its support is wisely given.

The Board is now in need of funds. We ask the brethren everywhere to remember the present necessities of the Foreign Missionary Board at Richmond, Va. Send your money for it to Bro. B. F. Montague, Raleigh, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. BEASLEY, Chm'n.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

It appears from what information we have at hand that there is rapid progress being made in this glorious work, but not more so than ought to be, as we think, when we look around and see such a great field already white for harvest. We believe it to be one of the greatest means of grace in our reach. It is not only the means of thousands being converted to a saving knowledge of God, but is also a means of a growth in grace and sanctification to the saints.

Respectfully submitted.

W. S. FISHER, Chairman.

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

The word intemperance has attained a meaning more limited than its proper one. It is applied commonly to persons who habitually drink ardent spirits, but is equally as applicable to all transgressions of the law of moderation. All acts which may be lawfully done for one's own good, when carried to excess are acts of intemperance. The worst kind, which the church and especially the young should be warned against, is that of drinking. We often see persons assemble for the sake of society. Unhappily the most frequent bonds in such meetings is to drink. By this the mind is called into action, and for what purposes? Let those who visit places of entertainment answer. Would we, as Christians who indulge in these evil practices, advise our children to take us for examples? It is an evil, and we are admonished to abstain from the appearance of evil. Your Committee would advise every Church member to search the scriptures and find out their duty in this respect, and especially the curse pronounced against the drunkard. Let us pray Almighty God to banish the evil from our land.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. MELVIN.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

From the best statistics your Committee can get, death has taken only about 66 per cent. of the number taken last year. That shows the loss to be 33 per cent. less than last year – smaller by far than usual.

We at once see that, in the sparing of life, God has been especially merciful during this year—in fact, far more so than usual. Then ought we not to be thankful for this manifestation of his watchful care and protection?

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. BULLARD.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

D. W. McGUGAN in Account with
Cedar Creek Baptist Association for 1883-'84.

1883.			
Oct 18th.	Received from Financial Committee—Minute Fund	$ 45 25	
	Minute Fund in hand since 1882	4 69	
	Total Minute Fund		$ 49 94
	Received from Financial Committee for Associational Missions	45 98	
	On hand October 18th, 1883	34 22	
	Received from Cedar Creek Church	1 10	
	Total for Associational Missions		81 30
	Received from Financial Committee for Foreign Missions	67 24	
	Total for Foreign Missions		67 24
	Received from Financial Committee for State Missions	20 74	
	Total for State Missions		20 74
	Received from Financial Committee for Sunday School Board	45	
	Total for Sunday School Board		45
	Received from Financial Committee for Church at New Orleans	1 00	
	Total for Church Extension		1 00
	Collection at the close of Missionary Sermon		23 11
	Received from Financial Committee for Board of Education		20
	From Elder L. Bryan, Endowment of Wake Forest College		1 00
	Mrs. M. E. Bryan for Orphan Asylum		50
	Total for all objects		$245 48
	DISBURSEMENTS.		
1883.			
Oct. 23rd	Paid B. F. Montague, Treasurer Baptist State Convention—Foreign Missions	$ 77 94	
	For State Missions	21 39	
	Church at New Orleans	1 00	
	Sunday School Board	45	
	Board of Education	20	
	Endowment of Wake Forest College	1 00	
	Orphan Asylum	50	
	Paid to R. D. Melvin, Secretary and Treasurer of Associational Board	74 31	
	Paid J. E. Garrett for printing Minutes	35 00	
	Clerk for his services	15 00	
	On hand since last session	23 11	
	Total disbursements		$249 90
	Balance in favor of Treasurer		$4 42

D. W. McGUGAN, Treasurer.

Your committee to audit the above account find it correct except an error of 29 cents claimed to have been paid to R. D. Melvin, Treasurer of Associational Board, which makes the amount paid him $74 02, and therefore leaves this Association due to former Treasurer $4 13 instead of $4 42.

A. R. PITMAN,
R. F. PETERSON, } Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associational Miss'ins.	Foreign Missi'ns.	State Mis's.	Education	S. S. Board	Totals.
Cedar Creek	$ 1 20		$ 1 62	1 00			$ 3 82
Judson	1 50		4 03				5 50
Lebanon	2 00		50	50			3 00
Mount Tabor	1 00		4 43				5 43
Manchester	60	1 50	5 95	3 00			10 55
Rocky Mount	70	50	6 50		1 00		8 20
Fayetteville	2 00						2 00
Cedar Falls	2 00						2 00
Union Springs	1 00						1 00
Rockfish	30						30
Mount Pisgah	1 25		2 81	1 85	3 16		9 07
Cumberland Union	1 00						1 00
Beaver Dam	1 35		1 55				2 90
Sharon	1 10		1 20				2 30
Corinth							
Mount Pleasant	1 20	1 00					2 20
Smith's Chapel	1 00						1 00
Cypress Creek	1 00						1 00
Brier Creek	1 50	3 50					5 00
White Lake	1 50		4 36		1 00		6 86
Kate's Chapel	25		1 75	1 00			3 00
White Oak	3 50		1 80	4 30			11 60
Shiloh			45				45
Sugg's Grove	40	1 25					1 65
Bladen Union	1 00	55	50				2 05
Mount Olive	1 00		1 75				2 75
Green Springs	2 50		7 10	7 00	7 00		23 60
Great Marsh		1 00	4 50				5 50
Jackson Swamp	75	1 00					1 75
Total	$ 32 60	$ 10 30	$ 51 77	$18 65	$12 16		$125 48

JAMES VANN, } Finance Committee.
R. W. BROOKS, }

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Received by Letter.	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total Membership.	Sabbath School Statistics. Teachers	Pupils	Volumes in Library	Papers Taken	Verses Memorized	Superintendents.	Post Offices.
Cedar Creek	18	1	9	8	6	2	46	120	166	9	60	100		2991	A. J. Guy	Cedar Creek.
Judson	6		2	1	1	1	24	55	79							
Lebanon	3	5	1	2	1		34	59	93	9	45	50			R J. Harrison	Savannah.
Mount Tabor	7			1	3		11	22	33	4	35				Jacob Reardon	Little River Academy.
Manchester	12		1	1	1		38	59	97							
Rocky Mount				1			21	19	40							
Fayetteville	3	6		1	12	1	34	167	201	21	162				R. Frank Peterson	Fayetteville.
Cedar Falls	3	4		1	1	1	16	29	45	3	39		3		T. R. Taylor	Fayetteville.
Rockfish		2	1	2	2		8	37	45							
Mount Pisgah	10	10	2	2		1	46	61	107	8	60				W. S. Fisher	Fayetteville
Cumberl'd Union	8	2			1	1	30	44	74	6	50	100			A. S. Thagard	Cedar Creek.
Beaver Dam	9	3				2	32	63	95	6	30		24		C. C. Bullard	Clay Fork.
Sharon	2			4		1	19	25	44	6	41	10			F. P. Smith	Clay Fork.
Mount Pleasant	17		4	1	1		36	36	72	5	38	40			John Horn	Clay Fork.
Smith's Chapel	3			2	1		39	51	90							
Cypress Creek	3			2	6		42	65	107							
Brier Branch	13		4	2	4	1	43	82	125	4	44	118		3168	H. W. Cain	Downingsville.
White Oak	3	4	1	1	5	2	76	127	203	6	70	50	42		D. M. Melvin	White Oak
White Lake	2			2	36		41	58	99	8	30	180			R. H. Marshburn	Elizabethtown.
Kate's Chapel	2	2		1			8	4	12	5	30				J. G. Layton	Little Sugar Loaf.
Shiloh							18	46	64	3	15				M. D. Averitt	Willis' Creek.
Sugg's Grove		1		1			11	15	26							

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The Moderator announced preaching at the stand by Elder E. D. Johnson.

Renewed the invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. None present.

Corresponding messengers to sister Associations called on to report. Elder E. J. Edwards reported as having attended the South River and was cordially received.

Report on Ministerial support read by Elder Wm. Brunt. Pending the motion to receive the session was addressed by R. F. Peterson, Z. B. Newton, Jas. Vann, A. S. Smith, Jesse Newton, R. D. Melvin, J. M. Beasley and the Moderator. After which the report was adopted.

Agreed that the next session of this Association be held with the Church at White Oak, Bladen County, to meet on Wednesday after the second Sabbath in October, 1885. Elder E. D. Johnson to preach the Introductory Sermon on Wednesday at 11 o'clock A. M., and Elder J. M. Beasley to preach the Missionary Sermon on Thursday at 11 o'clock A. M.

Appointed Elder A. R. Pitman and R. F. Peterson an Auditing Committee.

The following query from Mount Pisgah Church was read: "Has a Baptist Church the Scripture for 'Thus saith the Lord' for discipling a brother for non-attendance at their Church meetings held on week days? After addresses by Elders A. R. Pitman, J. M. Beasley, Wm. Brunt and Brother R. Frank Peterson it was laid on the table.

The report of the Treasurer was read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Committee to select corresponding messengers to sister Associations submitted the following report:

To the Cape Fear—Elders E. D. Johnson and W. S. Melvin

To the South River—Elders D. S Bullard, Wm. R. Johnson and E. J. Edwards.

To the Little River—Elders J. M. Beasley and W. C. West.

To the Robeson—Elders N. Mercer, E. D. Johnson and Bro. G. F. Allen.

The Committee appointed to select delegates to the Baptist State Convention submitted the following report:

Elders W. S. Melvin, J. M. Beasley, E. J. Edwards, I. T. Newton, and Brethren James Vann, A. J. Guy, W. T. Fisher, R. W. Brooks and D. M. Melvin.

The Committee appointed to select writers and subjects for next session of this Association submitted the following report:

Education—Elder D. S. Bullard.
Ministerial Education—Elder J. M. Beasley.
Ministerial Support—R. D. Melvin.
Home and Indian Missions—Elder I. T. Newton.
State Missions—Elder E. J. Edwards.
Associational Missions—Elder E. D. Johnson.
Periodicals—Ralph Jessup.
Intemperance—James Vann.
Bible Schools—Elder J. G. Fisher.
Obituaries—A. S. Smith.

The Auditing Committee submitted their report, which was received.

The report on State Missions was read by A. S. Smith and adopted.

Association took a recess of half-an-hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools submitted their report, and after short addresses by James Vann and R. F. Peterson it was adopted.

The Clerk was instructed to have as many minutes printed as the funds in hand would justify, and distribute *pro rata*, the Clerk to have $15 for his services.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Report received.

The report of the Associational Board was read and adopted.

The following resolution was offered by R. Frank Peterson and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for the genteel and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates and visitors during the session of this Association.

The minutes of the day were read and approved.

The Association then adjourned. Prayer offered, Elder D. S. Bullard leading. The Association sang the hymn, "Come, christian brother, ere we part, &c." Benediction by the Moderator.

J. G. FISHER, MODERATOR.

R. D. MELVIN, *Clerk*.

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Bladen Union	7	6			1	1	46	79	125	5	25	40			A. H. Tolar.	Willis' Creek.
Mount Olive					1	1	19	37	56							
Green Springs	9			4	2		49	84	133	2	35				W. S. Bramble	Roslin.
Great Marsh	5	5		3	3	1	66	82	164	9	40	50	20		A. Odum	Saint Paul's.
Jackson Swamp	6		1	1	2		22	30	52							
Union Springs	12	4				1	13	30	43	8	40		25		James Vann	Fayetteville.
	163	55	26	44	90	17	888	1576	2464	124	889	468	114	6159		

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Cedar Creek	J. G. Fisher	Roslin, N. C.	Chas. Jessup	Cedar Creek, N. C.
Judson	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork, "	A. J. Bullard	Idaho, "
Lebanon	J. M. Beasley	Fayetteville, "	R. J. Harrison	Savannah, "
Mount Tabor	S. C. Page	Rhodes' Mills, "	C. T. Nixon	Lit. Riv. Acad'y, "
Manchester	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek, "	H. J. Kivett	Manchester, "
Rocky Mount	I. T. Newton	Fayetteville, "	W. C. Dicks	Fayetteville, "
Cedar Falls	W. C. West	" "	C. D. Hall	" "
Rockfish			E. W. Musselwhite	Hope Mills, "
Mount Pisgah	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek, "	W. S. Fisher	Fayetteville, "
Cumberland Union	A. R. Pitman	Gray's Creek, "	G. F. Thagard	Cedar Creek, "
Beaver Dam	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store, "	A. Simmons	Clay Fork, "
Sharon	W. S. Melvin	White Oak, "	D. M. Beard	" "
Corinth				
Mount Pleasant	W. S. Melvin	White Oak, "	D. H. Melvin	Warrensville, "
Smith's Chapel	W. A. Melvin	Harrel's Store	W. R. Carter	Ingold, "
Cypress Creek			M. McK. Smith	Cypress Creek, "
Brier Branch	D. S. Rullard	Clay Fork, "	H. W. Cain	Downingsville, "
White Oak	Wm. Brunt	White Oak, "	D. M. Melvin	White Oak, "
White Lake	J. B. Downing	" " "	W. H. Russ	Elizabethtown, "
Kate's Chapel	W. S. Melvin	" " "	J. M. Bryan	Little Sugar Loaf, "
Shiloh	J. B. Downing	" " "	M. H. Seawell	Willis' Creek, "
Sugg's Grove	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork, "	I. C. Beard	Loveland, "
Bladen Union	J. G. Fisher	Roslin, "	A. H. Tolar	Willis' Creek, "
Mount Olive	E. D. Johnson	St. Paul's, "	G. F. Allen	Tar Heel, "
Green Springs	J. G. Fisher	Roslin, "	M. Cashwell	Roslin, "
Great Marsh	E. D. Johnson	St. Paul's, "	A. Odum	St. Paul's, "
Jackson Swamp	Noah Mercer	Lumberton, "	J. P. Mercer	Lumberton, "
Union Springs	W. R. Johnson	Cedar Creek, "	B. F. West	Fayetteville, "

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EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 1885–'86.

CHURCHES AND MEMBERS.

Cedar Creek	H. J. Guy.
Judson.	W. H. Melvin.
Lebanon	R. D. Melvin.
Mt. Tabor	W. Hatcher.
Manchester	P. Howard.
Rocky Mount	I. T. Newton.
Cedar Falls	J. Vann.
Rockfish	E. Musselwhite.
Mt. Pisgah	W. L. Nunally.
Cumb'd Union	J.M.Johnson.
Beaver Dam	J. J. Bullard.
Sharon	Geo. Melvin.
Corinth	D. Carter.
Mt. Pleasant	J. K. Melvin.
Centre Road	J. Pate.
Smith's Chapel	W. R. Carter.
Cypress Creek	M.McK.Smith.
Brier Branch	J. H. Tatom.
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Sugg's Grove	S. R. Cain.
Bladen Union	A. H. Tolar.
Mt. Olive	G. F. Allen.
Green Springs	W.S.Bramble.
Great Marsh	W. S. Johnson.
Jackson Swamp	N. Mercer.
Union Springs	G. Douglas.
Spring Vale	J. Peterson.

MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

J. M. Beasley	Fayetteville, N. C.
I. T. Newton	Fayetteville, N. C.
W. C. West	Fayetteville, N. C.
J. G. Fisher	Roslin, N. C.
I. B. Downing	White Oak, N. C.
Wm. Brunt	White Oak, N. C.
E. D. Johnson	St. Paul's, N. C.
E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek, N. C.
D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork, N. C.
W. S. Melvin	White Oak, N. C.
N. Mercer	Lumberton, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY, October 14th, 1885.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder E. D. Johnson, from 84th Psalm, 11th verse: "For the Lord God is a sun and shield. The Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly."

At the close of the sermon a recess of forty-five minutes was taken.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. G. Fisher, who read the 72nd Psalm. Prayer offered, Bro. J. E, Ray leading.

Appointed Elder Wm. Brunt and W. J. Sutton reading clerks.

Appointed W. S. Hair and J. G. Layton a committee on Finance.

The church letters were then called for and read, and the names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Cedar Creek—W. S. Hair, C. Jessup and D. Carter.
Judson—*L. McDaniel, *J. Horn and *E. H. Bullard.
Lebanon—R. D. Melvin, Elders *J. M. Beasley and *W. C. West.
Mt. Tabor—W. Hatcher, R. H. Bell and *J. Wood.
Manchester—H. King, *Z. T. Kivett and *J. T. Wright.
Rocky Mount—I. T. Newton, H. D. Mints and Z. B. Newton.
Cedar Falls—James Vann and *C. D. Hall.
Rockfish—Represented by letter.
Mt. Pisgah—Elder E. J. Edwards, S. R. Tolar and C. H. Ellis.
Cumberland Union—H. B. Downing, *W. S. Pope and J. M. Johnson.
Beaver Dam—Elder D. S. Bullard and J. J. Bullard.
Sharon—W. F. Beard, R. W. Melvin and C. T. Davis.
Smith's Chapel—W. Cain, A. Cashwell and H. Carter.
Cypress Creek—E. Rich, L. H. Smith and M. McK. Smith.
Brier Branch—J. H. Tatom, H. Melvin and A. L. Jones.
White Oak—D. B. Melvin, D. R. Cain and A. Martin.
White Lake—R. H. Marshburn, G. F. Thomas and H. L. Peterson.
Kate's Chapel—W. J. Sutton, *R. Merritt and J. G. Layton.
Shiloh—D. D. Salmon, *M. D. Averitt and T. J. Ellis.
Bladen Union—R. M. Tolar, *R. B. Humphrey and W. C. Riddle.
Mt. Olive—N. Allen, G. F. Allen and *J. H. Brisson.

☞Those marked thus * were absent.

Green Springs—Elder J. G. Fisher, D. A. McNeill and W. S. Bramble.

Great Marsh—Elder E. D. Johnson, *G. M. D. Howard and W. S. Johnson.

Jackson Swamp—*N. Mercer, *A. H. Mercer and J. P. Mercer.

Union Springs—*W. S. Rackley, *B. F. West and G. Douglas.

Corinth—D. Carter.

Mt. Pleasant—J. K. Melvin, *S. H. Melvin and H. Melvin.

Suggs' Grove—S. R. Cain, W. Suggs and P. Melvin.

Centre Road—J. Pate, G. M. Pate and L. J. Hester.

Spring Vale—J. Peterson, A. Peterson and L. H. Carter.

The term of the officers of the Association having expired, the Association proceeded to ballot for the same. Elder E. D. Johnson was elected Moderator, and R. D. Melvin, Clerk and Treasurer.

Extended an invitation to churches wishing to connect with us. The churches at Centre Road, Bladen county, and Spring Vale, Sampson county, two newly constituted churches, were duly received into the Association, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates, and their names enrolled.

An invitation was given to corresponding and visiting brethren. Elder C. L. Powell, from the Cape Fear, Elder W. A. Melvin, from the South River Associations, announced themselves as visitors, and were welcomed to seats. Bro. C. L Smith, Corresponding Editor of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, and Bro. J. E. Ray, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, presented themselves, and were welcomed to seats in the Association.

Appointed the male members of White Oak Church a committee of vigilence.

Appointed the deacons of White Oak Church a committee to arrange the preaching exercises.

The report on Periodicals called for. The writer being absent, Bro. C. L. Smith was requested to prepare a report, to be read when called for.

Elder C. L. Powell was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Association then adjourned until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

Prayer offered, Elder W. A. Melvin leading. Benediction by the Moderator.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 15th.

The Association convened at the appointed hour. The Moderator read the 17th chapter of John. Prayer by the Moderator.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Renewed the invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. None present.

Churches not represented yesterday were called, their letters read and names of delegates enrolled.

The report on State Missions was read. Pending the motion to receive, the Association was addressed by J. E. Ray, Corresponding Secretary Baptist State Convention. At the close of the address the Association called off to hear the Missionary Sermon by Elder C. L. Powell, from Malachi 3rd chapter, 8th—12th verses. At the close of the sermon a collection for Associational Missions was taken amounting to $7.14.

The Association took a recess for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The report on State Missions resumed. After remarks by Elder J. G. Fisher, the report was adopted.

The Association then gave way for a meeting of the Associational Board. After the Board closed its session, the Association resumed business.

The report on Home and Indian Missions was read by Elder I. T. Newton, who addressed the body, and the report was adopted. (See Report.)

The report on Associational Missions was read by Elder E. D. Johnson. After remarks by Elder E. J. Edwards, the report was adopted. (See Report.)

The report on Periodicals was read by Elder E. J. Edwards. After remarks by Elders Wm. Brunt, W. A. Melvin and Bro. Jas. Vann, the report was adopted.

Appointed James Vann and R. D. Melvin a committee to select delegates to Baptist State Convention.

Appointed Elders W. S. Melvin and I. T. Newton a committee to select corresponding messengers to sister Associations.

Appointed Elders E. J. Edwards and Wm. Brunt a committee to nominate writers on different subjects for the next session of this Association.

The report on Intemperance was read by Jas. Vann. After remarks by Bro. Vann and Elder C. L. Powell, report adopted. (See Report.)

The report on Ministerial Education was read. After remarks by Elders C. L. Powell and Wm. Brunt, the report was adopted. (See Report.)

The Association then adjourned until 9:30 o'clock Friday morning. Prayer, Elder Wm. Brunt leading. Benediction by the Moderator.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 16th.

The Association convened at the appointed hour. Religious exercises, conducted by Elder I. T. Newton.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Renewed the invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. None present.

The committee to name writers on different subjects for next session, reported as follows:

On Education—Elder I. T. Newton.
On Ministerial Education—Elder Wm. Brunt.
On Home and Indian Missions—M. McK. Smith.
On State Missions—Elder E. J. Edwards.
On Ministerial Support—Elder J. G. Fisher.
On Associational Missions—Elder J. M. Beasley.
On Periodicals—Elder D. S. Bullard.
On Intemperance—Elder J. B. Downing.
On Bible Schools—R. D. Melvin.
On Obituaries—J. G. Layton.

The report on Bible Schools was read by Elder J. G. Fisher. Report adopted.

The report on Ministerial Support was then read by R. D. Melvin, and after addresses by Elders C. L. Powell and E. J. Edwards, the report was adopted. (See Report.)

The committee appointed to select delegates to the Baptist State Convention made the following report:

Elders E. D. Johnson, E. J. Edwards, J. G. Fisher, I. T. Newton, W. S. Melvin and D. S. Bullard; Brethren W. J. Sutton, William Hatcher, W. S. Hair, Ralph Jessup and Z. B. Newton.

Elder E. J. Edwards offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

We learn the Roman Catholics have in the United States ninety-five orphan homes; the Episcopalians have thirty-five; the Lutherans eight; the Jews eight, while the Baptist have only seven. Now, in view of the fact, we, the Cedar Creek Baptist Association, do

Resolved, That we endorse the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, and that we avail ourselves of the opportunity of speaking in behalf of said Orphanage, and to do all we can to aid in the support of the same.

Agreed that the next session of this Association be held with the church at Green Springs, Robeson county, on Wednesday after the second Sabbath in October, 1886. Elder D. S. Bullard to preach the Introductory Sermon Wednesday at 11 o'clock. Elder E. J. Edwards to preach the Missionary Sermon on Thursday at 11 o'clock. A. M.

Appointed W. J. Sutton and D. B. Melvin an Auditing Committee.

The report of the Treasurer was read, and referred to the Auditing Committee.

The committee appointed to select messengers to sister Associations submitted the following report:

To the Cape Fear—Elders E. D. Johnson and W. S. Melvin.

To the Robeson—Elders E. D. Johnson, N. Mercer and brother E. J. Johnson.

To the South River—Elders E. J. Edwards, J. G. Fisher, D. S. Bullard, W. S. Melvin and brother R. D. Melvin.

To the Little River—Elders J. M. Beasley, I. T. Newton and brother Wm. Hatcher.

Elder J. G. Fisher offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for the bountiful hospitality shown them during the session of this body.

Agreed to pay clerk $10 for his services, and he to have as many minutes printed as funds in hand would justify.

The following resolution was offered by Z. B. Newton, and adopted:

WHEREAS, We have at White Oak a good school, taught by Elder Wm. Brunt, a christian gentleman of long experience in teaching, and we recognize the great need of giving to our children an education that will prepare them for the various vocations in life: therefore, *Resolved*, By this Association, that we heartily endorse brother Brunt in his efforts to build up a good school in our midst; that we will endeavor to give him that patronage which he so much deserves.

The Auditing Committee submitted their report, which was received.

Minutes of to-day read and approved.

The Association then adjourned. Prayer offered, Elder J. G. Fisher leading. Benediction by the Moderator.

E. D. JOHNSON, *Moderator.*

R. D. MELVIN, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD.

At our first meeting held with the church at Cedar Creek, October 15th, 1884, Elder J. M. Beasley was appointed to visit the Cumberland county poor-house; Elder W. R. Johnson to visit Walker's school house and Gainey's Store, and Elder E. J. Edwards to visit Rockfish.

Our second meeting was held with the church at Cedar Falls, November 29th, 1884. Elder W. R. Johnson reported six days' services.

Our third meeting was held with the church at Green Springs, March 28th, 1885. Elder W. R. Johnson reported twelve days' services.

Our fourth meeting was held with the church at Great Marsh, May 30th, 1885. Elder J. G. Fisher reported three days' services at Rockfish.

Elder W. R. Johnson reported ten days' services at Gainey's Store and Walker's School House.

Elder E. J. Edwards reported one days' service at Johnson's School House.

Our fifth meeting was held with the church at Cedar Creek, August 29th, 1885. Elder W. R. Johnson reported fourteen days' services in a series of meetings at Gainey Store.

The missionaries report a total of fifty-four days, for which the Board has paid $72.95.

Our last meeting was held with the church at White Oak during the Association. Elder W. R. Johnson reported two days' services. Thus closed the work of the Board for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. EDWARDS, Chairman.

R. D. MELVIN, Secretary.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The religious press is a potent educator, and we know of no paper so well suited to the Baptist of North Carolina as the BIBLICAL RECORDER. It is sound in faith and an able exponent of our views. Through its columns our educational interests are fostered, and we are kept informed as to the condition of our mission and Sunday school work. It strengthens the churches and unifies the denomination throughout the State. We believe it to be a necessity to every well informed Baptist, and ask the pastors within the bounds of this Association to make special effort to extend its circulation.

We commend *Kind Words* to our Sunday schools and the *Foreign Mission Journal* to the membership of the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. SMITH,
For Committee.

REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Some one has said the denomination that pays the most attention to the children will be the denomination of the future. Holy writ says train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. These two, with many other points, should impress us with the importance of instilling into the minds of the young the truths of God's word, which can be done by well organized and properly conducted Sabbath schools.

Respectfully submitted, J. G. FISHER.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The ministry is a divine office established by God himself for the grand purpose of publishing salvation to a lost and ruined world. It is therefore, the duty of the churches to maintain a cordial support of the ministry. "They that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel," is the divine law. Do we not fall far short of our duty, by failing to give of our means to the support of our pastors? The ministers of Christ should be supplied with good books and papers, that they may prepare themselves to preach acceptably.

Respectfully submitted, R. D. MELVIN.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

It is highly important to the expounding of the Word of God and to the success of the Baptist church that our ministers should be educated at our Colleges. For the extension of our church we should not rely upon the doctrines alone, but our ministers should be sufficiently informed to explain and defend those doctrines. Our Savior's last command was "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." And how can they teach unless they have been taught?

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

This has been the special work of the Association, and much good has been accomplished in building up the cause of Christ in our midst. There has been a good many churches built up through its work. But for the last few years it has not been as well sustained. But we think there is still much need of help to the destitute places and weak churches. E. D. JOHNSON.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

God has most signally blessed this department of our Master's work. During the past three years the missionaries of the State

Board have organized thirty-nine churches and more than a hundred new Sunday schools, built twenty-eight houses of worship, and witnessed the professed conversion of more than three thousand souls. This year our work has been even more enlarged and the Board has under its supervision seventy missionaries who are laboring in nearly every section of the State, carrying the gospel to those who have it not, and the reports are most encouraging; but there is still great destitution in some parts of North Carolina. Along our extreme eastern and western borders are six whole counties in which there are only four Baptist churches, and seven counties in which there is not one Baptist minister, and five other counties in which there is but one Baptist minister each. My brethren, are you willing to allow this State of things to remain so any longer. If not help the State Board to send men to break to them the bread of life?

There are missionaries of this Board already stationed nearly all around these destitute regions, and as soon as the means can be had, the whole territory will be occupied. The people in these sections are earnestly asking for preachers to be sent to them. Shall we not gladly send them.

Respectfully submitted, E. J. EDWARDS.

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

Our hearts throb within us when we think of the great evil that exists in our land, caused by the use of that demon alcohol. We hope the time will soon come when not a drop will be used, and recommend our ministers to impress upon the minds of their congregations the importance of abstaining from the evil of strong drink. Respectfully submitted, JAMES VANN.

REPORT ON HOME AND INDIAN MISSIONS.

There are vast portions of our country without the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. If we would preach this gospel to every creature it would be wise for us to attend to our Home Mission work. Then we would not only see the salvation of our own countrymen, but receive their assistance in carrying the gospel to foreign lands. We daily eat bread produced from the soil which once belonged to the Indians. Shall we let them pass away without the light of the gospel, and perish forever for want of the bread of life, while we have the means of placing it within their reach. Let us answer no! and arouse to our duty of sending this gospel to the Red men of the west and to all destitute portions of our land.

COMMITTEE.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. D. MELVIN, *in account with Cedar Creek Association*, 1884–'85.

1884.		
Oct. 14.	To balance on hand	$ 59 92
" "	To amount from Finance Committee for Minute Fund	32 60
" "	To Foreign Missions	51 77
" "	To State Missions	35 45
" "	To Home and Indian Missions	19 82
" "	To Associational Missions	10 30
" "	To Education	12 16
Nov. 30.	To collection Cedar Falls	1 69
1885.		
Mar. 29.	To collection Green Springs	3 40
May 30.	To cash from Cedar Creek Church	2 56
" "	To collection Great Marsh	3 01
Aug. 36.	To collection Cedar Creek	8 00
		$240 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

1884.		
Oct. 20.	By amount paid B. F. Montague, Treasurer Baptist State Convention, for Foreign Missions	51 77
" "	For State Missions	35 45
" 14.	Paid Education	12 16
" "	Paid Home and Indian Missions	19 82
" "	Paid Express charges	40
" "	Paid D. W. McGougan, former Treasurer	4 13
	Paid printing Minutes	27 50
	Paid Clerk his services	15 00
Nov. 30.	Paid Elder W. R. Johnson, 6 days	9 00
1885.		
Apr. 1.	Paid Elder J. G. Fisher, 4 days	6 00
" 1.	Paid Elder W. R. Johnson, 12 days	18 00
May 30.	Paid Elder J. G. Fisher, 3 days	4 50
" 30.	Paid Elder W. R. Johnson, 10 days	15 00
Aug. 30.	Paid Elder E. J. Edwards, 3 days	3 00
" 30.	Paid Elder W. R. Johnson, 14 days	17 45
	Unpaid script on hand	1 50
		$240 68

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. MELVIN, *Treasurer*.

Your Committee to audit the above find it correct.

W. J. SUTTON,
D. B. MELVIN,
Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Other Objects.	Orphanage.	Total.
Cedar Creek	$ 2 50	$	$ 6 00	$ 6 00		$	$ 14 50
Judson	70		4 44	3 93			9 07
Lebanon	2 00			4 31			6 31
Mount Tabor	1 00		3 83				4 83
Manchester	55		80				1 35
Rocky Mount	80		3 50			3 00	7 30
Cedar Falls	1 00	2 40					3 40
Rockfish							
Mount Pisgah	2 00		4 25	5 45			10 95
Cumberland Union	1 00		2 36	2 00			5 06
Beaver Dam	1 25						1 25
Sharon	90						90
Corinth							
Mount Pleasant	1 00			1 00			2 00
Smith's Chapel	1 10			57			1 67
Cypress Creek	1 25		1 65	1 65	70		5 25
Brier Branch	1 50	3 50					5 00
White Oak	2 80		5 50	5 50			13 80
White Lake	50		4 25				5 25
Kate's Chapel	1 00		2 00	2 00			5 00
Shiloh	50		1 25				1 75
Sugg's Grove	50						50
Bladen Union	50		2 80	1 25			4 55
Mount Olive	60	1 15	76				2 51
Green Springs	2 00		9 50	9 50			20 50
Great Marsh	1 50	6 00	5 00				12 50
Jackson Swamp	50						50
Union Springs							
Centre Road	50						50
Spring Vale	20		45				65
	$29 65	$13 05	$58 84	$43 16	70	$3 00	$148 40

W. S. HAIR,
J. G. LAYTON,
Finance Committee.

Your Committee have examined the above and find it corrcct.

W. J. SUTTON,
D. B. MELVIN,
Auditing Committee.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total Membership.	SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS. Teachers.	Pupils.	Vols. in Library.	Pap's taken	Verses Memorized	Superintendents.	Post Offices.
Cedar Creek	17	5	2	3	3	1	55	131	186	11	75			1,175	A. J. Guy	Cedar Creek, N. C.
Judson	3					1	24	55	79							
Lebanon	7	2			2	1	38	61	99	8	50	50			D. L. Beard	Savannah, N. C.
Mount Tabor	5			5	2	1	11	22	33							
Manchester		1		3	5	1										
Rocky Mount		3			1		25	21	46							
Cedar Falls	1					1	15	35	50	2	17			211	James Vann	Fayetteville, N. C.
Rockfish							7	33	40							
Mount Pisgah	6	3	1		1	1	51	63	114	7	50			3,744	W. S. Fisher	Fayetteville, N. C.
Cumberland Union	2	2	1	2	1		30	45	75						W. S. Pope	Cedar Creek, "
Beaver Dam	3	2		2	1		34	65	99							
Sharon	3	1	3	3	3		23	23	48						E. F. Beard	Clay Fork, N. C.
Corinth																
Mount Pleasant	14	1		6		1	39	42	81							
Smith's Chapel	12		2				48	52	100	5	40					
Cypress Creek		1	1				43	68	113							
Brier Branch	7	5	7	3	3	2	50	90	140	8	48	90	1	5,832	H. W. Cain	Downingville, N. C.
White Oak	19		2	2	4	1	81	140	221	3	45				C. Martin	White Oak, "
White Lake			2	11	1	1	37	51	88	4	24	180	12		R. H. Marshburn	Elizabethtown, "
Kate's Chapel	15		1						30		35				M. H. Smith	Little Sugar Loaf, "
Shiloh	8		1				19	51	70							
Sugg's Grove	5						13	17	30							
Bladen Union	9	9		1	2	1	52	80	132		35	50			W. C. Riddle	St. Paul's, N. C.
Mount Olive				4	1		14	36	50							
Green Springs	1			5	2		44	90	134	10	65				D. A. McNeill	Roslin, N. C.

Great Marsh	6	4	1	4	3	1	68	80	148	14	109	60	30	------	A. Odum	St. Paul's,	"
J[illegible] wamp	1	1	--	--	--	--	21	30	51	--	---	----	--	------	A. Mercer	Allenton,	"
Union Springs	---	4	--	--	--	1	13	31	44	6	20	----	3	------	E. W. M. White	Fayetteville,	"
Centre Road	---	--	--	--	--	--	13	10	23	--	---	----	--	------	W. J. Evans	Bromton,	"
Spring Vale	---	--	--	--	--	--	14	19	33	--	---	----	--	------			
	144	44	24	54	35	15	882	1,441	2,323	68	613	430	46	10,962			

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Cedar Creek	J. G. Fisher	Roslin, N. C.	Chas. Jessup	Cedar Creek, N. C.
Judson	J. G. Fisher	" "	A. J. Bullard	Idaho, "
Lebanon	J. M. Beasley	Fayetteville, "	R. J. Harrison	Savannah, "
Mount Tabor	S. C. Page	Rhodes' Mills, "	C. T. Nixon	Little River Acad'y, "
Manchester	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek, "	H. J. Kivitt	Manchester, "
Rocky Mount	I. T. Newton	Fayetteville, "	D. A. Newton	Fayetteville, "
Cedar Falls	W. C. West	" "	C. D. Hall	" "
Rockfish			E. W. Musselwhite,	Hope Mills, "
Mount Pisgah	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek, "	W. S. Fisher	Fayetteville, "
Cumberland Union	A. R. Pitman	St. Paul's "	G. F. Thagard	Cedar Creek, "
Beaver Dam	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store, "	A. Simmons	Clay Fork, "
Sharon	W. S. Melvin	White Oak, "	J. B. Davis	" " "
Mount Pleasant	W. S. Melvin	" " "	J. K. Melvin	" " "
Smith's Chapel	W. A. Melvin	Harrell's Store, "	W. R. Carter	Ingold, "
Cypress Creek	Wm. Brunt	White Oak, "	M. McK. Smith	Cypress Creek, "
Brier Branch	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork, "	H. W. Cain	Downingville, "
White Oak	Wm. Brunt	White Oak, "	D. M. Melvin	White Oak, "
White Lake	J. B. Downing	" " "	W. H. Russ	Ham, "
Kate's Chapel	W. S. Melvin	" " "	J. M. Bryan	Little Sugar Loaf, "
Shiloh	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork, "	M. H. Seawell	Willis' Creek, "
Sugg's Grove	D. S. Bullard	" " "	I. C. Beard	Clay Fork, "
Bladen Union	W. W. Willis		A. H. Tolar	Willis' Creek, "
Mount Olive	John Prevatt	Moss Neck, "	G. F. Allen	Tar Heel, "
Green Springs	J. G. Fisher	Roslin, "	D. A. McNeill	Roslin, "
Great Marsh	J. D. Clark	St. Paul's, "	A. Odum	St. Paul's, "
Jackson Swamp	N. Mercer	Lumberton, "	J. P. Mercer	Lumberton, "
Union Springs	W. R. Johnson	Fayetteville, "	B. F. West	Fayetteville, "
Centre Road	N. Mercer	Lumberton, "	G. M. Pate	
Spring Vale	W. S. Melvin	White Oak, "	L. A. Register	Ingold, "

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EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 1886-'87.

CHURCHES AND MEMBERS.

Cedar Creek	M. V. Hair
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Lebanon	J. S. Beard
Mt. Tabor	W. Hatcher
Manchester	R. P. Howard
Rocky Mount	Z. B. Newton
Cedar Falls	Jas. Vann
Rockfish	E. W. Musselwhite
Mt. Pisgah	W. L. Nunnally
Cumberland Union	J. M. Johnson
Beaver Dam	J. J. Bullard
Sharon	Geo. Melvin
Corinth	J. K. Green
Mt. Pleasant	J. K. Melvin
Centre Road	J. Pate
Smith's Chapel	W. R. Carter
Cypress Creek	M. McK. Smith
Brier Branch	J. H. Tatom
White Oak	D. B. Melvin
White Lake	R. H. Marshburn
Kates' Chapel	J. G. Layton
Shiloh	M. H. Seawell
Sugg's Grove	S. R. Cain
Bladen Union	A. H. Tolar
Mt. Olive	G. F. Allen
Green Springs	W. S. Bramble
Great Marsh	G. M. D. Howard
Jackson Swamp	N. Mercer
Union Springs	G. Douglas
Spring Vale	J. Peterson

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E. D. Johnson	St. Paul's
J. D. Clarke	St. Paul's
E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek
D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork
W. S. Melvin	White Oak
N. Mercer	Lumberton

PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY, October 13th, 1886.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder D. S. Bullard from Romans, 8th chapter 1st verse: "There is now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit."

At the close of the sermon, a recess of forty-five minutes was taken.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, Elder E. D. Johnson, who read the 17th chapter of John. Prayer offered, Elder J. G. Fisher leading.

Appointed A. S. Smith and J. G. Layton Reading Clerks.

Appointed James Vann and H. M. Howard a Committee on Finance.

Roll called, and a majority of the churches being represented the Association was declared ready for business.

The church letters were then called for and read, and the names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Lebanon—Elder W. C. West W. A. Beard and J. S. Beard.
Cedar Creek—M. V. Hair, E. H. Jackson and A. J. Guy.
Judson—R. D. Melvin, J. Horn and M. F. Fort.
Mt. Tabor—*John Wood, R. Collier and Wm. Hatcher.
Manchester—*Z. T. Kivett, H. M. Howard and J. A. Howard.
Rocky Mount—Z. B. Newton, J. L. Mintz and H. D. Mintz.
Cedar Falls—*C. D. Hall and Rev. James Vann.
Rockfish—E. W. Musselwhite, M. Morgan and C. Morgan.
Mount Pisgah—Elder E. J. Edwards, W. S. Fisher and W. L. Nunnally.
Cumberland Union—D. K. Mintz, E. F. Jones and D. B. Cole.
Beaver Dam—Elder D. S. Bullard, *G. L. Horn and *P. P. Hall.
Sharon—Sion Horn, D. B. Beard and D. W. Horn.
Corinth—C. M. Green, M. P. McDaniel and J. A. Simmons.
Smith's Chapel—Not represented.
Cypress Creek—A. S. Smith and T. M. Smith.
Brier Branch—A. L. Jones, J. W. D. Downing and A. L. Tatom.
White Oak—D. L. Melvin, T. D. Singletary and A. Cain.
White Lake—Not represented.
Kates' Chapel—J. G. Layton and J. K. Sutton.
Mt. Pleasant—Not represented.
Shiloh—W. H. Butler, N. Jones and M. D. Averitt.
Sugg's Grove—I. C. Beard, S. R. Cain and Peter Melvin.
Bladen Union—R. M. Tolar, T. J. Riddle and R. Riddle.
Mt. Olive—N. Allen, G. F. Allen and C. D. Kinlow.

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*See Note.

Green Springs—Elder J. G. Fisher and D. A. McNeill and W. S. Bramble.
Great Marsh—Elders E. D. Johnson, J. D. Clark and J. Johnson.
Jackson's Swamp—Not represented.
Union Springs—G. Douglas and M. Strickland.
Centre Road—G. G. King, N. R. Reaves and L. T. Hester.
Spring Vale—J. W. Green, A. Smith and L. H. Carter.

The term of the officers having expired, the Association proceeded to ballot for the same. Elders J. T. Fisher and W. S. Fisher were appointed tellers. Elder William Brunt was elected Moderator, and R. D. Melvin re-elected Clerk and Treasurer.

Extended an invitation to churches wishing to connect with this Association. None present.

An invitation was extended to corresponding and visiting brethren. Elder T. B. Newberry announced himself as a visitor from the Robeson Association, and was welcomed to a seat.

Bro. J. E. Ray, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, presented himself and was welcomed to a seat. He also announced himself as agent for the *Biblical Recorder*. Elder J. O. Tew announced himself a messenger, and Elder I. T. Newton announced himself a visitor from the South River Association and were welcomed to seats.

On motion, the letter from Rocky Mount was laid on the table.

Appointed the male members of Green Springs Church a Committee of Vigilance.

Appointed the pastor and deacons of Green Springs Church a committee to arrange preaching exercises.

The report on Periodicals was read by Elder D. S. Bullard. After remarks by J. E. Ray and A. S. Smith, the report was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The letter from Rocky Mount was taken from the table, read and received and the names of the delegates enrolled.

The Association then adjourned till 9.30 o'clock Thursday morning. Prayer offered, Elder J. D. Clarke leading.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 14th.

The Association convened at the appointed hour. Religious exercises conducted by Elder T. J. Baker, who read the 103rd Psalm. Prayer offered, Elder J. D. Clarke leading.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Renewed the invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. C. T. Cashwell announced himself as a visitor from the Robeson Association and was welcomed to a seat.

Churches not represented yesterday called. None present.

The report on State Missions was read by Elder E. J. Edwards. Pending the motion to receive, the Association was addressed by Elder E. J. Edwards and Bro. J. E. Ray. The report was adopted and the following pledges made for State Missions for 1886, and a collection of $37.26 taken up.

Cedar Creek Church	$ 5 00	Brier Branch Church	$ 2 00
Judson Church	5 00	White Oak Church	10 00
Lebanon Church	5 00	Kates' Chapel Church	5 00
Mount Tabor Church	5 00	Shiloh Church	2 00
Manchester Church	5 00	Bladen Union Church	5 00
Rocky Mount Church	2 00	Green Springs Church	10 00
Cedar Falls Church	3 00	Great Marsh Church	6 00
Mount Pisgah Church	5 00	Jackson Swamp Church	5 00
Cumberland Union Church	10 00	Union Springs Church	2 00
Sharon Church	5 00	Centre Road Church	2 00
Cypress Creek Church	5 00	Spring Vale Church	2 00
		Total	$105 00

The Association called off to hear the Missionary Sermon by Elder E. J. Edwards from Ecclesiastes, 9th chapter and 10th verse: "For whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest."

At the close of the sermon a collection for Associational Missions was taken, amounting to $8.27.

The Association took recess for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Churches not represented yesterday again called. The letters from Mt. Olive and Centre Road were read, and the names of the delegates enrolled.

Renewed the invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. D. W. McGugan announced himself as a messenger, and Elders A. R. Pitman and A. J. Marley were announced as visitors from the Robeson Association, and all welcomed to seats.

At the request of the Treasurer, it was ordered that the Finance Committee pay over to J. E. Ray the amounts in their hands for State and Foreign Missions and the Baptist Orphanage.

The Association gave way for a meeting of the Executive Board. After the Board closed its session the Association resumed business.

Appointed Elder E. D. Johnson to write on Associational Missions and report to-morrow.

Report on Ministerial Support was read by Elder J. G. Fisher, which was adopted. (See Report.)

The report on Bible Schools was read by R. D. Melvin. After remarks by Elder J. D. Clarke and A. H. Tolar the report was adopted. (See Report.)

The report on Ministerial Education was read by Elder William Brunt. Pending the motion to receive, the session was addressed by Elders William Brunt and E. J. Edwards and Z. B. Newton. Report adopted. (See Report.)

Appointed A. S. Smith and Elder J. G. Fisher a committee to select delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Appointed Elder J. D. Clark and H. M. Howard a committee to select messengers to sister Associations.

Appointed Elder J. D. Clarke to prepare a report on Intemperance and report to-morrow.

Appointed Elder D. S. Bullard and Z. B. Newton a committee to nominate writers on different subjects for the next session.

The report on Obituaries was read by J. G. Layton.

Agreed that the next session of this Association be held with the church at Cumberland Union, Cumberland County, on Wednesday after the second Sunday in October, 1887. Elder J. T. Fisher to preach the Introductory Sermon on Wednesday at 11 o'clock A. M., Elder William Brunt the Missionary Sermon on Thursday at 11 o'clock A. M.

Z. B. Newton and M. V. Hair were appointed an auditing committee.

The Association then adjourned until 9.30 o'clock Friday morning. Prayer, W. S. Fisher leading. Benediction by Elder E. J. Edwards.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 15th.

The Association convened at the appointed hour. Religious exercises conducted by Elder E. D. Johnson.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Churches not represented yesterday called. The letter from Corinth was read and the names of the delegates enrolled.

The report of the Treasurer was read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

The report on Home and Indian Missions was read by A. S. Smith and adopted. (See Report.)

The report on Education was read by Elder I. T. Newton. Pending the motion to receive, the body was addressed by Elders I. T. Newton, E. J. Edwards, J. G. Fisher and Wm. Brunt. Report adopted. (See Report.)

The report on Associational Missions was read by Elder E. D. Johnson. After remarks by Elders E. D. Johnson, E. J. Edwards and brethren J. A. Howard, R. D. Melvin and A. S. Smith, the report was adopted. (See Report.)

The report on Intemperance was read by Elder J. D. Clarke. After remarks by Elders J. D. Clarke and E. J. Edwards the report was adopted. (See Report.)

The committee to select delegates to the Baptist State Convention submitted the following report: Elders William Brunt, E. D. Johnson, E. J. Edwards, D. S. Bullard, J. G. Fisher, W. S. Melvin, J. M. Beasley and J. B. Downing, and brethren Z. B. Newton, D. B. Cole, M. McK. Smith, James Vann and D. Leslie Melvin.

The committee to select messengers to sister Associations submitted the following report :

To Cape Fear—Elders E. D. Johnson, E. J. Edwards and W. S. Johnson.
To South River—Elders J. G. Fisher, D. S. Bullard and R. P. Howard.
To Little River—Elder W. C. West, Wm. Hatcher and H. M. Howard.
To Robeson—Elder J. D. Clarke, E. S. Johnson and G. M. D. Howard.

The committee to nominate writers on different subjects for next session reported as follows:

Prayer Meetings—D. K. Mintz.
Education—R. D. Melvin.
Ministerial Education—Elder E. J. Edwards.
Home and Indian Missions—Elder J. G. Fisher.
State Missions—Elder William Brunt.
Associational Missions—Elder E. D. Johnson.
Ministerial Support—H. M. Howard.
Perioaicals—Henry Jones.
Intemperance—A. S. Smith.
Bible Schools—D. M. Melvin.
Obituaries—James Vann.
Foreign Missions—Elder E. J. Edwards.

Elder E. J. Edwards offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we do all we well can to raise money for foreign fields.

Elder E. J. Edwards offered the following resolution, which was (after some appropriate remarks by several brethren) adopted :

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered, to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their bountiful hospitality shown them during the sessions of this body.

The following resolution (which was adopted last year) was, on motion of Elder D. S. Bullard, adopted :

WHEREAS, We have at White Oak a good school, taught by Elder William Brunt, a christian gentleman of long experience in teaching, and we recognize the great need of giving to our children an education that will prepare them for the various vocations of life : therefore,

Resolved, By this Association, that we heartily endorse Bro. Brunt in his efforts to build up a good school in our midst : that we will endeavor to give him that patronage which he so much deserves.

Agreed to pay Clerk $15 for his services, he to have as many minutes printed as funds in hand will justify.

A committee, consisting of Elders William Brunt, E. J. Edwards and Bro. R. D. Melvin, was appointed to confer with the Baptist church and friends of the movement for establishing a second church in the town of Fayetteville, and see what can be done satisfactorily to all concerned in building up a second church there.

AFTERNOON SESSION—FRIDAY.

Elder E. J. Edwards offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Cedar Creek Association requests the churches to make a contribution during the year, money, clothing or provisions, to the Baptist Orphanage, and that the churches look to this work with a determination to do something the ensuing year.

Auditing Committee reported. Report received.

The closing exercises were conducted by the Moderator. Sang Hymn 575 : "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound." Closing prayer by Elder J. G. Fisher. This closed a pleasant and harmonious session of this body.

WILLIAM BRUNT, *Moderator*.

R. D. MELVIN, *Clerk*.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD.

We held our two first meetings with the church at Beaver Dam, second at Manchester, third at Great Marsh. There is but little work to do in our bounds. Elder J. M. Beasley has served the board 20 days, and built a house and constituted one church, with some 30 members, seven miles west of Fayetteville. R. D. MELVIN, Sec'y.

NOTE—This report was overlooked, and I append it for the information of the churches. CLERK.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee believe that among the various means used by christians for promoting their religion and teaching pure doctrine, few have been attended with more favorable results than the steadfast maintainance of an able, instructive and strictly christian periodical. Among other things it answers the place of a cheap commentary upon the Scriptures. It excites a spirit of enquiry which leads to diligent study of the Scriptures. We feel assured that an incalculable amount of good has been accomplished in this way through the circulation of the *Biblical Recorder*. This paper is now the organ of our denomination in this State, and all proper means should be used to increase its circulation. Respectfully submitted,

D. S. BULLARD.

REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

The fact that the Master commands us to search the Scriptures and to teach the truths of the Bible, is sufficient authority for Bible school work. The fact that the Master has so wonderfully blessed this department of His work, should be sufficient reason to bring into it every one who loves the precious gospel of our blessed Saviour. We are satisfied that the Sabbath school opens up a work in which every christian can engage. It is the best of all known means to increase Bible knowledge, and does more than all other means to prepare people for the reception of the truths of the gospel. Let us put forth more earnest efforts to increase the number and efficiency of these schools.

Respectfully submitted, R. D. MELVIN.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The work of State Missions is one of vast importance. It is the duty of the State Mission Board to seek out and supply with the preached word those places in our own State, especially growing centres of population, that are destitute of the means of grace. For a full statement of the work done, see report of the Secretary.

It is enough for present purposes to say this, that they have laborers in nearly every destitute section. Let us look with deeper interest and fuller sympathy, and let not the Baptists of the Cedar Creek Association fail to do their duty in the Master's vineyard. Respectfully submitted,

E. J. EDWARDS.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

No required standard of education should be established as essential to being ordained to the full work of the ministry, but it is the sacred duty of every man called to the ministry to become as well educated as possible.

COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We believe it to be the duty of every member of the church to give something to support the man who breaks the bread of life to them, or give a good reason for failing to do so. We believe our people fall short of their duty in giving to support the ministry, and we think the great reason for it is, our preachers fail to tell the people their duty. In order that we may have time to study and prepare to preach more successfully, let us tell the people that they who preach the word should live of the word. Then to the people, in order that we may have the word preached more acceptably to ourselves and more to the glory of God, let us give more liberally and cheerfully to the support of our preachers.

Respectfully submitted, J. G. FISHER.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Since the organization of this Association there has been a goodly number of churches built up by the Board, but there is not much work doing now by the Board, and we think there could be good done by helping the weak churches in our bounds.

COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We observe that where there is progress in education there is progress in building up the minds of the young to nobler aspirations and higher usefulness in life. In those sections of the country where there is great interest taken in the cause of education, the children being educated together, grow up with those principles of love for each other which in after years will cause them to stand shoulder to shoulder to shoulder in defence of truth, honesty and virtue, and like the principle of each one, loving his neighbor as himself.

Respectfully submitted, I. T. NEWTON.

REPORT ON HOME AND INDIAN MISSIONS.

The great commission is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and now our work will not be done until that is accomplished, and it is our duty, and the duty of every christian in the world to aid in this glorious work, not only at home, but to give of our means to send the gospel to every nation of the earth, where they are now in darkness.

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We believe the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is doing more injury to the cause of Christ than any other evil in our country. It destroys peace in the family ; it brings trouble into the church ; it makes widows and orphans ; it mars our business prospects as a nation ; it fills our poor-houses to a great extent, and furnishes our jails and penitentiaries with criminals to a fearful extent, and church members cannot too strongly condemn its use. Moderate drinking leads to drunkenness, and the Scriptures teach us that no drunkard shall enter the kingdom of heaven.

Respectfully submitted, J. D. CLARKE.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

It is my duty to write on this sad subject. Since our last meeting one brother, a member of my church, has died. His last days were such as to assure us that he had lived as he would wish to die. He passed away calmly. May we all remember the Saviour's charge, to be ye also ready, that we, too, may earnestly strive to emulate his good examples. May God in his goodness help us to be ready to die in Him, that we may live with Him.

Respectfully submitted, J. G. LAYTON.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. D. MELVIN, *In account with Cedar Creek Association.*

Date		Amount
1885,		
Oct. 17	To amount from Finance Committee—Minute Fund	$ 29 65
"	" " Associational Missions	13 05
"	" " collection " "	7 14
"	" " Foreign Missions	58 84
"	" " State Missions	59 89
"	" " Baptist Orphanage	3 00
"	" " Other objects	70
Nov. 28	" " from Green Springs church	1 60
"	" " " Beaver Dam church	2 30
"	" " collection at Beaver Dam church	2 70
1886.		
Jan. 29	" " collection at Beaver Dam church	3 16
May 29	" " from Great Marsh church	2 50
"	" " " Rocky Mount church	75
"	" " " James Vann	50
"	" " " Manchester church	1 80
"	" " collection at Manchester church	6 22
Aug, 29	" " " at Great Marsh chnrch	5 06
		$198 86

DISBURSEMENTS:

Date		Amount
1885.		
Oct. 26	By amount paid F. H. Briggs, Treasurer:	
	For Foreign Missions	$ 58 84
	" State Missions	64 92
	" Baptist Orphanage	3 00
	" Express charges	35
	" Printing Minutes	20 00
	" Clerk, his fee	10 00
	Paid Elder W. R. Johnson, balance	6 50
	" " J. M. Beasley, services	19 00
	" " W. C. West, services	5 00
	" " J. M. Beasley	11 25
		$198 86

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. MELVIN, *Treasurer.*

Your committee to audit the above find the account correctly footed up. Treasurer presented no vouchers.

Z. B. NEWTON,
M. V. HAIR,
Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Home and Indian Missions.	Bro. Powell.	Total.
Cedar Creek	$ 2 20	......	$ 5 70	$ 5 69	$......	$......	$......	$ 13 59
Judson	1 60	......	50	3 81	......	......	......	5 91
Lebanon..........	2 00	......	......	1 00	......	......	......	3 00
Mount Tabor	1 00	......	......	1 70	......	......	......	2 70
Manchester	1 32	......	3 10	3 30	......	......	......	7 72
Rocky Mt	70	......	50	......	50	......	50	2 20
Cedar Falls	1 50	1 71	......	......	......	......	......	3 21
Rockfish..........	30	......	......	......	......	......	......	30
Mount Pisgah....	1 00	......	......	14 50	4 18	......	......	19 68
Cumberl'd Union,	2 00	......	......	......	......	......	*18 00	2 00
Beaver Dam	1 70	......	1 42	1 18	......	......	......	4 30
Sharon	1 50	......	1 85	3 50	......	......	......	6 85
Corinth	50	50	......	......	......	......	......	1 00
Cypress Creek	1 50	......	......	2 00	......	......	......	3 50
Brier Branch.....	1 00	2 28	......	......	......	......	......	3 28
White Oak..	3 00	......	5 00	6 75	......	......	......	14 75
Kate's Chapel....	1 00	......	......	2 00	......	......	......	3 00
Shiloh............	1 00	2 00	1 05	......	......	75	......	4 80
Sugg's Grove.....	35	......	......	......	......	......	......	35
Bladen Union....	1 40	......	5 45	5 25	......	......	......	12 10
Mount Olive.....	75	......	2 40	...	......	......	......	3 15
Green Springs....	2 00	......	15 25	15 25	......	......	......	32 50
Great Marsh	1 20	5 00	5 55	1 50	......	......	......	13 25
Jackson Swamp ..	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	....
Union Springs....	1 00	......	......	......	......	......	......	1 00
Centre Roads	55	......	......	......	......	......	......	55
Spring Vale.......	40	......	55	......	......	......	......	95
Collection	......	......	......	31 26	......	......	......	....
Associational.....	......	8 27	......	......	......	......	......	....
	$32 47	$19 76	$48 32	$67 98	$ 4 68	75	50	$ 205 72

*Pledged.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES VANN,
H. M. HOWARD,
Finance Committee.

Your Committee find the above correct.

Z. B. NEWTON,
M. V. HAIR,
Auditing Committee.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Baptized:	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total Membership.	SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.						
										Teachers	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Papers Taken.	Verses Memorized.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.
Cedar Creek	20	3	10	2	3	3	71	142	213	8	71			1177	A. J. Guy	Cedar Creek, N. C.
Judson	20	7	5				45	60	105							
Lebanon	6	5	1	2	1	1	39	68	107	8	70		24		D. L. Beard	Savannah, N. C.
Mt. Tabor	2	2	2		1		17	19	36						Richard Collier	Carlos, "
Manchester	11	2	1	7		4	35	66	101	5	40	50	21		J. A. Howard	Manchester, "
*Rocky Mount																
Cedar Falls		2				1	15	31	46	5	20				L. H. West	Fayetteville, N. C.
Rockfish	3			3	2	2	8	28	36						E. W. Musselwhite,	Hope Mills, "
Mt. Pisgah		8		2	3	2	50	68	118	5	30				W. S. Fisher	Hope Mills, "
Cumberland Union	33		10		2		57	59	116	6	100				A. Thagard	Cedar Creek, "
Beaver Dam	5		1		1	1	38	64	102	9	75				J. J. Bullard	Clay Fork, "
Sharon	12	3	3	1			30	33	63							
Corinth	12	2				2	24	37	61	5	40	40	1		C. M. Green	Warrenville, N. C.
†Mt. Pleasant																
†Smith's Chapel																
*Cypress Creek																
Brier Branch	17		5	4	9	5	54	92	146						John Downing	Downingville, N. C.
White Oak	18	4		11	2	4	81	146	227					1149	D. M. Melvin	White Oak, "
†White Lake																
Kate's Chapel		11			1	1	23	17	40	2	15				J. G. Layton	Little Sugar Loaf.
*Shiloh																
Sugg's Grove							12	18	30							
Bladen Union	2	4	5	10	3	2	46	81	127		30	40			F. M. Willis	Willis Creek, N. C.
Mt. Olive	11		2	2			23	40	65							

Green Springs	2	3	----	2	3	1	44	88	132	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Great Marsh	19	6	4	----	5	----	83	91	179	11	131	60	40	----	W. S. Johnson	St. Paul's, N. C.
†Jackson Swamp	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Union Springs	4	1	----	8	----	1	12	31	43	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Centre Road	1	2	----	----	----	----	16	17	33	9	34	----	----	----	G. M. Pait	Brompton, N. C.
Spring Vale	6	5	----	3	1	1	15	24	39	----	44	18	----	----	Alex. Smith	Ingold, "
	201	70	49	57	37	31	838	1320	2158	81	730	298	88	2326		

*Those marked thus the letters did not come into my hands.—CLERK.

†Not represented.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	REMARKS.
Cedar Creek	J. G. Fisher	Roslin N. C.	W. S. Hair	Cedar Creek N. C.	
Judson	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek "	A. J. Bullard	Idaho "	
Lebanon	J. M. Beasley	Fayetteville "	R. J. Harrison	Savannah "	
Mt. Tabor			Wm. Hatcher	Carlos "	
Manchester	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek N. C.	H. J. Kivett	Manchester "	
*Rocky Mount					No letter came to Clerk.
Cedar Falls	W. C. West	Fayetteville N. C.	C. D. Hall	Fayetteville N. C.	
Rockfish	J. G. Fisher	Roslin "	E. W. Musselwhite	Hope Mills "	
Mt. Pisgah	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek "	W. S. Fisher	Hope Mills "	
Cumberland Union	A. R. Pitman	Lumber Bridge, "	G. F. Thagard	Cedar Creek "	
Beaver Dam	W. R. Johnson	Cedar Creek "	A. Simmons	Clay Fork "	
*Cypress Creek	Wm. Brunt	White Oak "	M. McK. Smith	Cypress Creek "	No letter to Clerk.
Brier Branch	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork "	H. W. Cain	Downingville "	
White Oak	Wm. Brunt	White Oak "	D. M. Melvin	White Oak "	
Kate's Chapel	W. S. Melvin	White Oak "	J. K. Sutton	Little Sugar Loaf, "	
*Shiloh					No letter to Clerk.
Sugg's Grove	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork N. C.	Isaac C. Beard	Office not given.	
Bladen Union	J. G. Fisher	Roslin "	A. H. Tolar	Willis' Creek N. C.	
Mount Olive	E. D. Johnson	St. Paul's "	G. F. Allen	Brompton "	
Green Springs	J. G. Fisher	Roslin "	D. A. McNeill	Roslin "	
Great Marsh	J. D. Clarke	St. Paul's "	A. Odam	St. Paul's "	
Union Springs			B. F. West	Fayetteville "	
Centre Road	Noah Mercer	Lumberton "	G. M. Pait	Brompton "	
Spring Vale	W. S. Melvin	White Oak "	L. A. Register	Ingold "	
Corinth	R. Honeycutt	Warrenville "	C. M. Green	Warrenville "	

*There were no letters to Clerk from these churches.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A. S. SMITH, Cypress Creek.
D. K. MINTZ, Cedar Creek.
J. A. HOWARD, Manchester.
W. S. HAIR, Buckhorn.
J. B. WILLIAMS, Gray's Creek.

MINISTERS.

J. M. Beasley, Fayetteville.
W. C. West, Fayetteville.
J. G. Fisher, Roslin.
J. B. Downing, Ham.
Wm. Brunt, Winnie.
T. J. Baker, ———
James Vann, Fayetteville.
A. R. Pittman

E. D. Johnson, St. Paul's.
J. D. Clarke, St. Paul's.
E. J. Edwards, Cedar Creek.
D. S. Bullard, Clay Fork.
W. S. Melvin, Winnie.
N. Mercer, Lumberton.
Levi Bryan, Cypress Creek.

PROCEEDINGS.

CUMBERLAND UNION, October 12th, 1887.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. J. G. Fisher, from Mark 15th chapter, 34th verse: "And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying Eloi, Eloi, lama sabacthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

At the close of the sermon, a recess of forty-five minutes was taken.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, Rev. William Brunt. Hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," sang. Prayer, Rev. E. D. Johnson leading.

Appointed Z. T. Kivett and Z. B. Newton Reading Clerks.

Appointed D. K. Mintz and P. P. Hall a Committee on Finance.

Roll of churches called. A majority being represented, the Association was declared ready for business.

The church letters were then called for and read, and the names of delegates enrolled, as follows:

Cedar Creek—P. M. Smith, J. A. Melvin, G. F. Wheeler.
Judson—John Sessoms, L. McDaniel, M. J. Johnson.
Lebanon—J. S. Beard, W. H. Smith, *H. J. Coleman.
Mt. Tabor—Not represented.
Manchester—H. M. Howard, J. A. Howard, Z. T. Kivett.
Rocky Mount—H. D. Mintz, Z. B. Newton.
Cedar Falls—Rev. James Vann, *Ollin Godwin.
Cumberland Union—A. S. Thagard, J. C. Johnson, J. R. Cole.
Mount Pisgah—*Theo. Evans, W. S. Fisher, Rev. E. J. Edwards.
Rockfish—*E. W. Musselwhite, H. Lewis.
Beaver Dam—Rev. D. S. Bullard, S. Hales, P. P. Hall.
Sharon—Sion Horn, *R. O. Beard, *O. Melvin.
Corinth—Not represented.
Mount Pleasant—Not represented.
Centre Road—L. T. Hester.
Smith's Chapel—H. Carter, *F. H. Armstrong, *J. A. Smith.
Cypress Creek—Rev. L. Bryan, *R. J. Mitchell, A. S. Smith.
Brier Creek—A. L. Jones, J. W. McDuffie, *J. W. Downing.
White Oak—D. B. Melvin, D. S. Tatum, O. Register.
White Lake—*R. H. Marshburn, *H. L. Peterson, *G. F. Thomas.
Kates' Chapel—*G. P. Sutton, J. K. Sutton, Lee Smith.
Shiloh—D. D. Salmon, W. H. Butler, M. H. Seawell.
Sugg's Grove—*S. R. Cain, I. C. Beard, R. Suggs.
Bladen Union—A. W. Carrol, W. C. Riddle, R. M. Tolar.
Mount Olive—G. F. Allen, *N. Allen, J. B. Allen.
Green Springs—*E. A. Hall, R. N. Cashwell, Rev. J. G. Fisher.
Great Marsh—Rev. E. D. Johnson, R. D. Melvin, N. Cashwell.
Jackson Swamp—Not represented.
Union Springs—B. F. Sikes, *G. Douglass, M. Strickland.
Spring Vale—J. W. Green, A. Peterson, M. J. Jackson.
Cape Fear—J. Thames, J. B. Williams, S. Jones.
Peters' Creek—H. Melvin, J. M. Smith, L. H. Bullard.

The term of the officers having expired, the Association proceeded to ballot for the same. J. M. Johnson and Rev. L. Bryan were appointed tellers for Moderator, G. F. Allen and G. P. Sutton for Clerk and

Treasurer. Rev. William Brunt re-elected Moderator, and R. D. Melvin re-elected Clerk and Treasurer.

Extended an invitation to churches wishing to connect with this Association. A letter of dismission was presented by the Cape Fear church from the Robeson Association, which was read and received and names of delegates enrolled. A petitionary letter from Peter's Creek, a newly organized church, which was read and received and right hand given to the delegates, whose names were enrolled.

An invitation was extended to corresponding and visiting brethren. Rev. C. S. Farriss, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, presented himself and was welcomed to a seat.

Rev. W. R. Johnson announced himself a corresponding messenger from the South River Association, and was welcomed to a seat.

Appointed the male members of Cumberland Union Church a Committee of Vigilance.

Appointed Pastor and Deacons of Cumberland Union Church a Committee on Religious Exercises.

Appointed Rev. E. D. Johnson and J. G. Fisher to nominate writers on different subjects for next session.

The Association then adjourned till 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning. Prayer offered, Bro. A. S. Smith leading.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 13th.

The Association convened at the appointed hour. Religious exercises conducted by Rev. L. Bryan, who read the 51st chapter of Isaiah.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Renewed the invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. Rev. J. T. Townsend announced himself as a visitor from the Robeson Baptist Association, and was welcomed to a seat.

Churches not represented yesterday called. The letter from Shiloh was read and names of delegates enrolled.

The Report on Ministerial Education was read by Rev. E. J. Edwards. Adopted. [See Appendix.]

The Report on Prayer Meetings was read by D. K. Mintz. After remarks by Elders J. G. Fisher, E. J. Edwards and the Moderator, report adopted. [See Appendix.]

The Report on Education was read by R. D. Melvin. After remarks by Elders J. G. Fisher, C. S. Farriss, Levi Bryan and Bro. Z. B. Newton, report adopted. [See Appendix.]

The Report on State Missions was read by Rev. Wm. Brunt, and was made the special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow.

The Association called off to hear the Missionary Sermon by Rev. C. S. Farriss from Luke 11th chapter and 2d verse, "Thy kingdom come." At the close of the sermon a collection amounting to $11.00 was taken.

The Association took a recess for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Churches not represented again called.

The Association gave way for a meeting of the Executive Board.

After the Board closed its session, the Association resumed business.

The Report on Periodicals was read by Henry Jones. After remarks by Z. T. Kivett, Elders E. J. Edwards and C. S. Farriss and Bro. Z. B. Newton, report adopted. [See Appendix.]

Brethren J. G. Fisher, E. D. Johnson, Z. T. Kivett, E. J. Edwards, Z.

B. Newton and J. D. Clarke were requested to assist Bro. Farriss in getting subscribers for the RECORDER.

Renewed the invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. J. B. Downing announced himself as corresponding messenger from the South River Association, and was welcomed to a seat.

The Report on Intemperance was read by A. S. Smith. After remarks by Rev. E. J. Edwards, report adopted. [See Appendix.]

Appointed Z. B. Newton to write on Bible Schools and report tomorrow.

Appointed Z. B. Newton and E. D. Johnson a committee to select delegates to Baptist State Convention.

Appointed Elders W. S. Melvin and James Vann to select messengers to sister Associations.

Appointed A. S. Smith, D. S. Tatum and Sion Horn an auditing committee.

Agreed that the next session of this Association be held with the church at Manchester, in Cumberland county, on Wednesday after the second Sunday in October, 1888, Rev. J. D. Clarke to preach the Introductory sermon at 11 o'clock, Rev. Wm. Brunt to preach the Missionary sermon Thursday, at 11 o'clock.

Adjourned to 9:30 o'clock Friday morning. Prayer by Owen Register. Benediction by Rev. E. D. Johnson.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 14th.

The Association convened at the appointed hour. Religious exercises conducted by Rev. W. S. Melvin.

The body engaged in special prayer, Rev. E. J. Edwards leading, in behalf of our aged and venerable Brother, Rev. J. M. Beasley, for his restoration to health and usefulness.

Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations called on to report. Rev. E. D. Johnson attended the Cape Fear and Robeson, was cordially received; Rev. J. G. Fisher attended the Robeson; Rev. E. J. Edwards attended the South River, both cordially received.

The committee to select writers on different subjects made the following report:

Prayer Meetings—W. S. Melvin.
Education—Z. B. Newton.
Home Missions—J. D. Clarke.
State Missions—E. D. Johnson.
Ministerial Support—A. S. Smith.
Intemperance—D. S. Bullard.
Bible Schools—H. M. Howard.
Obituaries—R. D. Melvin.
Foreign Missions—Wm. Brunt.
Periodicals—Levi Bryan.

The committee to select Messengers to sister Associations made the following report:

To Robeson—J. D. Clarke, E. D. Johnson, G. M. D. Howard.
To Little River—W. C. West, Jas. Vann, W. Hatcher.
To Eastern—H. Carter, J. W. Green, H. Green, F. H. Armstrong, W. S. Melvin.

The committee to select delegates to the Baptist State Convention submitted the following report:

Elders W. S. Melvin, Wm. Brunt, J. G. Fisher, E. J. Edwards, D. S. Bullard, and brethren A. M. West, W. H. McDonald, H. B. Downing, R. D. Melvin, Z. T. Kivett, Simon Hales, A. S. Smith.

Rev. E. D. Johnson read the report on Associational Missions. Adopted. [See Appendix.]

The following resolution was passed by a two-thirds vote of the Association:

Resolved, That the article in the Constitution requiring one delegate from each church to compose the Executive Board be changed so that five members, to be appointed by the Association, shall constitute the Executive Board.

The following brethren were appointed under the above: J. A. Howard, A. S. Smith, D. K. Mintz, W. S. Hare and J. B. Williams.

The hour for the special order, Report on State Missions, having arrived, the session was addressed by Elders J. G. Fisher and C. S. Farriss, and the following pledges made:

Cedar Creek	$ 5 00
Judson	6 00
Manchester	5 00
Rocky Mount	2 00
Jas. Vann	2 00
Mt. Pisgah	7 00
Cumberland Union	10 00
Sharon	5 00
Cypress Creek	6 00
Brier Branch	3 00
White Oak	10 00
Kates' Chapel	5 00
D. D. Salmon	1 00
Bladen Union	5 00
Mount Olive	$ 2 00
Green Springs	12 00
Great Marsh	5 00
Union Springs	4 00
Spring Vale	2 00
Cape Fear	3 00
Peters' Creek	2 00
Rockfish	2 00
Lebanon	6 00
Centre Road	2 00
Smith's Chapel	2 00
	$114 00

The following churches and persons paid in the following amounts for State Missions for the past year:

Green Springs	$ 1 00
Judson	1 25
Union Springs	50
Manchester	1 00
Cedar Creek	1 25
Mount Pisgah	1 00
Kates' Chapel	25
Brier Branch	50
James Vann	25
W. S. Melvin	25
W. H. Downing	25
D. S. Tatum	50
D. B. Melvin	$ 25
O. Register	25
Cape Fear	50
Cypress Creek	25
Beaver Dam	50
W. H. McDonald	25
A. S. Smith	50
Hat Collection	2 04
W. T. Fisher	25
	$12 79

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. E. J. Edwards. Ordered that the collection on yesterday, $11.00, be turned over to Foreign Missions, and the pastors be requested to urge this matter upon their churches.

The Finance Committee submitted their report. Referred to Auditing Committee.

The Treasurer read his annual report, which was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The report on Obituaries was read by James Vann. Report adopted. [See Appendix.]

The report on Ministerial Support was read by H. M. Howard. Report adopted. [See Appendix.]

The following resolution was offered by Rev. E. J. Edwards, and adopted:

Resolved, That the churches in this Association take up collections once or twice a year for the Baptist Orphanage.

The following was offered by Z. T. Kivett, and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for the kind and hospitable manner in which this body has been entertained.

The report on Bible Schools was read by Z. B. Newton. Report adopted. [See Appendix.]

The same resolutions passed last year were offered by Rev. E. J. Edwards, and adopted:

WHEREAS, We have at White Oak a good school taught by Rev. William Brunt, a christian gentleman of long experience in teaching, and we recognize the great need of giving to our children an education that will prepare them for the various vocations of life; therefore,

Resolved, By this Association, that we heartily endorse Bro. Brunt in his efforts to build up a good school in our midst; that we will endeavor to give him that patronage which he so much deserves.

Agreed to pay Clerk $10 for his services, and he to mail minutes to the Clerks of the different churches.

The Association took a recess of forty-five minutes for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The report on Home Missions was read by Rev. J. G. Fisher. Report adopted. [See Appendix.]

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay over to the Executive Board the amount in his hands for Associational Mssions.

The Auditing Committee reported. Report received.

Closing prayer, Rev. J. G. Fisher leading. Thus closed the 30th annual session of this body.

WILLIAM BRUNT, MODERATOR.

R. D. MELVIN, *Clerk*.

APPENDIX.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your committee believe that there has been very little work done the past year, but hope there will be more done this year.

Respectfully submitted, E. D. JOHNSON.

STATE MISSIONS.

The work of the State Mission Board is the work of all the Associations, either within or without their bounds. The Cedar Creek hitherto has done all the mission work within her bounds. It is more blessed to give than receive. Let us, therefore, freely give of our means to the spreading of the "One Faith" throughout North Carolina.

Repectfully submitted, WM. BRUNT.

HOME MISSIONS.

The efforts of our Home Mission Board at Atlanta have met with great encouragement; 251 missionaries are in the field. They are doing a great work in Texas, Louisiana, Florida, and other Southern States. Besides this, Cuba is ripe for Baptist preaching. Hundreds of Cubans await baptism by Baptist preachers. If we encourage this Board in its work, we will do much towards making the United States a country of Baptists.

Respectfully submitted, J. G. FISHER.

INTEMPERANCE.

We believe intemperance to be one of the greatest evils that we have to contend with in our churches. The Bible teaches us to abstain from the use of liquors as a beverage, for we are required to flee every appearance of evil: Again, we are to let our light so shine that others, seeing our good works, may glorify our Father in Heaven. We ought to deny ourselves of all ungodliness and worldly lust. Show that we are temperate in all things. A. S. SMITH.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The printing press is the most powerful machine for good or evil that can be brought to bear upon the reading public. The literature of the age fashions society, and elevates or lowers the standard of morals in proportion to its grade. The religious press is constantly sowing seeds of truth broadcast over the land. What is equal to a religious weekly paper as an instructor and elevator of morals in the home circle? The time has come when no intelligent Baptist in North Carolina can afford to do without the BIBLICAL RECORDER, our denominational paper, and one of the best in our whole country. Far so, for us; it is our home paper; tells us all our wants and work of our own people. It helps our preachers to preach more intelligently and to unify their efforts along the line. It keeps our families posted in all the work of our church. In fact it is the paper for all classes. In reading this we prevent much corrupt literature from being in our midst. Let every Baptist take it and do good unto all, especially your own household.

Respectfully submitted, HENRY JONES.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Education is a necessity, especially with the minister. He is a teacher, and it is impossible for the unlearned to teach the educated. With our advantages, there is no excuse for ignorance. Any young man called of God to preach, can avail himself of the opportunities offered by Wake Forest College. We have a good school in our own bounds, White Oak, Bladen county, under the supervision of Bro. Brunt. We would impress upon parents the importance of educating their children, and upon the Association the necessity of giving to ministerial education.

COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Every church should have connected with it a Sunday School. The great helps to the study of God's word now furnished under the auspices of our Home Mission Board in Atlanta, and by the American Baptist Publication Society in Philadelphia, are valuable accessories to the pulpit for the instruction of the people in God's word. Not only should every church have a Sunday School, but every man, woman and child, who can, should attend them. In the Sunday School every one may find work to do for the Master. Out of the accessions to our church, a large number of them come from the Sunday School. Let there be a vigorous movement in Sunday Schools in our Association this year. We recommend that during the year, a Sunday School Convention be held at some point within the bounds of the Association, and that the Corresponding Secretary of our State Sunday School Board be requested to be present.

COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

That the Minister cannot live without support than other public men is certainly well understood. The New Testament is very plain upon this subject. The Old Testament Scriptures teach us that the law required a portion of the goods to the support of those whose duty it was to attend upon the work of the Master. If this was necessary in the Jewish church, how much more should it be in the Christian church. "Provide neither gold, nor silver nor brass," in your purses: Matt. 10: 9. Why? Because the workman is worthy of his hire. If we fail in our vows to God, how shall the laborer be paid? The Lord loveth a cheerful giver, when it is for our good and the glory of our Master. One of the greatest blessings ever bestowed by Christ was upon the widow who cast in her mite, all she had. Brethren, are we doing our duty? are our preachers paid as they should be?

Respectfully submitted, H. M. HOWARD.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

He who neglects or refuses to inform his mind, hides his Lord's money. It is the duty of man to improve every talent God has given him; hence, it is his duty to educate his children. We rejoice to see the standard of this work upon a higher basis than it was forty years ago. It was a rare thing then to see a young man aspire to anything in books. But the minds now aspire to obtain an education. It is no longer a thing of the future. Note the progress of the last few years. We should encourage education with an aim for usefulness and not an easy life. This cannot be obtained without labor and study; without this it is not worth having. The man as well as the mind must be developed; he has brains which must be cultivated. If he has no brains, to attempt to educate him makes him a fool. It must be a practical work or it is a failure. Patronize your schools and take, read and study your best teacher, the BIBLICAL RECORDER.

Respectfully submitted, R. D. MELVIN.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It appears from statistics that our Board has missions in the five Continents. Brazilian, 14 churches, and stations, 6; baptisms, 30; members, 175. Bro. Taylor reports $500.00 collected on field. Mexico, missionaries, 17; churches and stations, 21; baptisms, 100; members, 350; pupils, 100; candidates for baptism, 150. Italian Missions, missionaries, 16: churches and chapels, 54; members, 306; baptisms, 26. Africa, missionaries, 16; churches and chapels, 5; members, 138; baptisms, 26. China, missionaries, 54: churches and stations, 24: baptisms, 46; members, 677. This gives us a faint idea of the great missionary work done in the world. Will not the churches of the Cedar Creek Association rise to the height of their sublime opportunities, and give more to Foreign Missions, and thus obey the great commission, preach the gospel to all people? Respectfully submitted, E. J. EDWARDS.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS.

In searching the Scriptures we find nothing more urgent as a duty than that of prayer. We are taught, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." "If ye shall ask anything in my name I will do it." John 14: 13, 14. Our Saviour commands us to meet together in prayer, for if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any one, it shall be done. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst." Matt. 18: 19, 20. What He has promised, His Almighty hand is ready to do. In Peter's deliverance and restoration to his friends at the house of Mary, was in answer to prayer. Acts, 12th ch. Paul and Silas were delivered by an earthquake, and others converted in answer to prayer. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, to-day and forever. Heb. 13: 8. He taught us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some are. Heb. 10: 25. Having so many promises and examples of our Lord, and the history of His Shekinah lights in ages where his people met together in prayer. Why, but we meet on certain days at our respective churches in special prayer for brethren Yates, Bryan, Herring and Powell in Africa, and for the success of the gospel at home and in foreign lands.

Respectfully submitted, DAN'L K. MINTZ.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

During the past year, the Angel reaper has not been idle. Thirteen of our members have passed from their earthly labors; among them deacons Alex'r West, of Cedar Falls, and Valentine Downing, of Cedar Creek, and others, whose names we failed to learn.

Respectfully submitted, JAS. VANN.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. D. MELVIN, Treasurer, *In Account with* CEDAR CREEK ASSOCIATION.

1886.			
Oct. 15th,	To amount	Minute fund	$ 32 47
"	"	Associational Missions	11 49
"	"	Foreign Missions	48 32
"	"	State Missions	99 24
"	"	Baptist Orphanage	4 68
"	"	Collection at Association	8 27
1887.			
May 29th,	"	Lebanon church	1 00
"	"	Great Marsh church	1 50
"	"	Green Springs church	2 30
"	"	Collected at Mt. Pisgah church	4 57
			$ 213 84

DISBURSEMENTS.

1886.			
Oct. 15th,	Paid J. E. Ray,	Foreign Missions	$ 48 32
"	" "	State Missions	99 24
"	" "	Baptist Orphanage	5 43
1887.			
May 29th,	Paid	J. M. Beasley, services	20 25
"	"	E. J. Edwards, services	7 50
"	"	Printing Minutes	20 00
"	"	Express and postage	45
"	"	Clerk's fees	12 65
			$ 213 84

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. MELVIN, *Treasurer.*

Your committee find the above correct.

A. S. SMITH,
D. S. TATUM,
SION HORN,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.		Minute Fund.	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Home Missions.	Total.
Cedar Creek	28	$ 2 10	$	$ 5 65	$ 6 00	$	$	$ 13 75
Judson	13	1 00		3 46	4 01	63		9 10
Lebanon	26	2 00		3 64	5 00			10 64
Manchester	13	1 00			5 00			6 00
Rocky Mount	6	50			2 00			2 50
Cedar Falls	20	1 50	2 00					3 50
Rockfish	13	1 00						1 00
Mount Pisgah	9	70		3 65	5 01	3 14		12 50
Cumberland Union					5 25			5 25
Beaver Dam	17	1 30		5 00	5 00			11 30
Sharon	20	1 50			3 50			5 00
Smith's Chapel	13	1 00			63			1 63
Cypress Creek	23	1 75			6 00			7 75
Brier Branch	14	1 10		2 00	2 00			5 10
White Oak	40	3 00		10 00		9 94		22 94
White Lake	9	70		1 50	1 65			3 85
Kates' Chapel	13	1 00			5 00			6 00
Shiloh	6	40			2 00			2 40
Suggs' Grove	3	25						25
Bladen Union	12	90		7 00	7 25			15 15
Mount Olive	6	50		2 00	1 00		1 00	5 50
Green Springs	30	2 25		16 75	5 75		2 02	26 77
Great Marsh	21	1 60		3 40				5 00
Union Springs	16	1 20			2 00			3 20
Spring Vale					2 00			2 00
Cape Fear	13	1 00			3 56	2 10		6 66
Peter's Creek	18	1 35			1 00			2 35
	402	$30 60	$ 2 00	$54 05	$90 58	$15 81	$ 3 02	$ 196 06

Respectfully submitted,

D. K. MINTZ,
P. P. HALL,
Committee.

Your Committee find a mistake of .03 cents in favor of State Missions and 26 cents more than was reported for all objects.

A. S. SMITH,
D. S. TATUM,
SION HORN,
Auditing Committee.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Cedar Creek	J. G. Fisher	Roslin N. C.	W. S. Hair	Buckhorn N. C.
Judson	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek "	A. J. Bullard	Idaho "
Lebanon	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store "	R. J. Harrison	Fayetteville "
Manchester	A. R. Pittman	Lumber Bridge "	H. J. Kivett	Manchester "
Rocky Mount			W. G. Wright	Fayetteville "
Cedar Falls	James Vann	Fayetteville N. C.	Giles Ham	Fayetteville "
Rockfish			E. W. Musselwhite	Hope Mills "
Mount Pisgah	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek N. C.	W. S. Fisher	Brunt "
Cumberland Union	A. R. Pittman	Lumber Bridge "	G. F. Thagard	Cedar Creek "
Beaver Dam	J. G. Fisher	Roslin "	P. M. Bullard	Clay Fork "
Sharon	Wm. Brunt	Winnie "	J. B. Davis	Clay Fork "
Smith's Chapel	W. S. Melvin	White Oak "	W. R. Carter	Ingold "
Cypress Creek	Wm. Brunt	Winnie "	M. McK. Smith	Cypress Creek "
Brier Branch	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork "	H. W. Cain	Downingville "
White Oak	Wm. Brunt	Winnie "	D. M. Melvin	Winnie "
White Lake	J. B. Downing	Kelly's "	W. H. Russ	Ham "
Kates' Chapel	Wm. Brunt	Winnie "	G. P. Sutton	Little Sugar Loaf, "
Shiloh	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork "	M. H. Seawell	Willis Creek "
Suggs' Grove	C. E. Beard	Not given.	Isaac C. Beard	Office not given.
Bladen Union	J. G. Fisher	Roslin N. C.	A. H. Tolar	Willis Creek N. C.
Mount Olive	J. D. Clarke	St. Paul's "	G. F. Allen	Brompton "
Green Springs	J. G. Fisher	Roslin "	D. A. McNeill	Hope Mills "
Great Marsh	E. D. Johnson	St. Paul's "	A. Odam	St. Pauls "
Union Springs	W. C. West	Fayetteville "	B. F. West	Fayetteville "
Spring Vale	W. S. Melvin	Winnie "	L. A. Register	Ingold "
Cape Fear	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek "	Spurgeon Jones	Edonia "
Peters' Creek	W. S. Melvin	White Oak "	F. Simmons	Clay Fork "

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Rec'ved by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total Membership.	SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS. Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Papers taken.	Verses memorized.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.
Cedar Creek	10	7	1	4	9	3	71	143	214	5	52			500	G. F. Wheeler	Cedar Creek.
Judson	9	1		1		1	48	64	112	8	49	50			C. D. Hall	Fayetteville.
Lebanon	4		1	5	1	1	37	68	105	8	78	40			R. J. Harrison	Fayetteville.
Manchester		3		4	8	1	25	44	69							
Rocky Mount							12	13	25							
Cedar Falls				2		1	15	35	50							
Rockfish	5	1		2		1	10	27	37							
Mount Pisgah	16	3	1	2	2		57	74	131	4	30				W. S. Fisher	Brunt.
Cumberland Union	18	3	2	2	2		63	75	138	7	125			2540	A. J. Guy	Cedar Creek.
Beaver Dam	10		2	7	1		43	65	108	7	50	40			J. J. Bullard	Clay Fork.
Sharon		3		3	4	2	28	32	60	5	44				F. P. Smith	Clay Fork.
Smith's Chapel	15	4	3	1	1	1	55	64	119						Wiley Cain	Ingold.
Cypress Creek		4	1	1	5		51	65	116	4	20	60		2660	A. S. Smith	Cypress Creek.
Brier Branch	2		1		6		52	92	144	6	35	90		1980	H. W. Cain	Downingville.
White Oak	8	7	1	4	6	3	80	148	228						C. Martin	Winnie.
White Lake				8		1	45	57	102	4	20	180			R. H. Marshburn	Ham.
Kates' Chapel	1	5		4			26	20	46	7	25	104	24		J. G. Layton	Sand Bluff.
Shiloh	23				1	1	37	58	95						D. D. Salmon	Willis' Creek.
Sugg's Grove				4	2		9	15	24							
Bladen Union		2			6		42	68	110	4	25	40			H. Prevatt	Willis' Creek.
Mount Olive		2		9	1		20	36	56							
Green Springs	3	2	2	3	4	4	43	84	127							

Great Marsh	4	8	1	2	..	2	87	95	187	10	100	50	20	....	G. M. D. Howard	Saint Paul's.
Union Springs	4	2	..	..	..	1	14	32	46	9	67	....	6	....	George Sikes	Hope Mills.
Spring Vale	3	..	..	..	..	..	15	26	....	..	56	18	..	....	J. W. Green	Ingold.
Cape Fear	....	..	..	4	2	..	21	39	60	5	22	100		....	J. B. Williams	Gray's Creek.
Peters' Creek	10	24	..	..	..	..	17	17	34	6	40	40	10	....	A. Simmons	Clay Fork.
	145	57	16	72	61	23	1023	1556	2579	99	838	812	60	7600		

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

D. K. Mints, Cedar Creek, N. C.
A. J. Guy, " " "
H. B. Downing, Cedar Creek, N. C.
W. S. Fisher, Brunt, N. C.
W. L. Nunley, Brunt, N. C.,

MINISTERS.

J. M. Beasley,	Fayetteville,	N. C.
W. C. West,	"	"
James Vann,	"	"
E. D. Johnson,	St. Paul's,	"
J. D. Clarke,	"	"
J. G. Fisher,	Roslin,	"
J. B. Downing,	Idaho,	"
Wm. Brunt,	Winnie,	"
E. J. Edwards,	Cedar Creek,	"
D. S. Bullard,	Clay Fork,	"
W. S. Melvin,	Winnie,	"
N. Mercer,	Lumberton,	"
L. Bryan,	Cypress Creek,	"

PROCEEDINGS.

Manchester, N. C., October 17th, 1888.

The Cedar Creek Association assembled in its thirty-first annual session with Manchester church, Wednesday, October 17th, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. D. Clarke, from Matthew 24, 44: "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not, the son of man cometh."

Recess for forty-five minutes.

On re-assembling the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, Rev. Wm. Brunt. Religious exercises conducted by Rev. R. T. Gray, who read the third chapter of First Corinthians. Hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," sang.

Roll of churches called. A majority being represented the Association proceeded to business.

Appointed E. J. Edwards and A. L. Tatom reading clerks.

Appointed Z. T. Kivett and A. L. Smith a Committee on Finance.

Church letters read and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Cedar Creek—A. J. Guy, J. E. Rich, E. H. Jackson.
Judson—L. D. Sessoms, T. J. Haywood, C. D. Hall.
Lebanon—D. B. Coleman, W. A. Beard, W. H. Smith.
Mt. Tabor—R. W. Colyer, J. Wood, Wm. Hatcher.
Manchester—Z. T. Kivett, J. A. Howard, E. J. Hales.
Rocky Mount—Z. B. Newton.
Cedar Falls—Rev. J. Vann, A. A. Buie, Giles Ham.
Cumberland Union—J. B. Hair, S. H. Johnson, J. M. Johnson.
Mount Pisgah—Rev. E. J. Edwards, W. S. Fisher, M. C. Autry.
Rockfish—E. W. McWhite, M. Morgan, D. R. Henderson.
Beaver Dam—T. S. K. Smith, E. W. Horn, Rev. D. S. Bullard.
Sharon—W. J. F. Beard, Sion Horn, G. F. Melvin.
Corinth—By letter.
Mount Pleasant—By letter.
Centre Road—Not represented.
Smith's Chapel—By letter.
Cypress Creek—Rev. L. Bryan, A. S. Smith.
Brier Branch—A. L. Jones, B. A. Downing, A. L. Tatom.
White Oak—Rev. William Brunt.
White Lake—Not represented.

Kate's Chapel—Not represented.
Shiloh—W. J. Walder, D. E. Melvin, W. H. Seawell.
Sugg's Grove—Not represented.
Bladen Union—J. E. Willis, S. B. Williams, T. J. Riddle.
Mount Olive—Not represented.
Green Springs—D. A. McNeill, J. F. Fisher, Rev. J. G. Fisher.
Great Marsh—Elders E. D. Johnson, J. D. Clarke, R. D. Melvin.
Jackson Swamp—Not represented.
Union Springs—B. F. West, M. Strickland.
Spring Vale—M. C. Ezzell, J. W. Green, A. Peterson.
Cape Fear—James Thames, J. B. Williams, S. Jones.
Peter's Creek—H. Melvin, J. M. Smith, F. Simmons.

The letter from Spring Vale was laid on the table.

The term of the officers having expired, J. F. Fisher and J. W. Green were appointed tellers for Moderator, who reported Rev. William Brunt re-elected Moderator.

R. D. Melvin was re-elected Clerk and Treasurer.

Invitation was given to Churches wishing to connect with this Association. None present.

An invitation was extended to corresponding and visiting brethren: Rev. R. T. Gray announced himself a visitor from the Robeson Association and Agent for the BIBLICAL RECORDER. Rev. D. J. Clarke announced himself a visitor from the Cape Fear and Agent for the *North African Mission.* They were welcomed to seats.

The male members of Manchester were appointed a vigilant committee.

Appointed Z. T. Kivett, J. A. Howard and H. M. Howard to arrange preaching.

Rev. E. J. Edwards and James Thames were appointed to nominate writers for next session.

Appointed Rev. R. T. Gray to write on Periodicals; Rev. D. J. Clark on prayer meetings; Rev. J. G. Fisher on Intemperance, to report at this session.

The report on Periodicals was made the special order for to-morrow afternoon.

On motion, speeches were limited to ten minutes.

E. D. Johnson and W. S. Fisher were appointed a committee to select delegates to Baptist State Convention.

Appointed E. J. Edwards and J. D. Clarke a Committee to select Messengers to sister Associations.

Adjourned to 9.30 o'clock Thursday morning.

Benediction by Rev. D. J. Clarke.

Preaching in the Presbyterian Church at night by Rev. E. J. Edwards.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 18th.

The Association convened at the appointed hour.

Religious exercises conducted by Rev. J. G. Fisher, who read 84th Psalm. Hymn, "I love thy kingdom, Lord," was sung.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Churches not represented yesterday called.

The letters from Mount Tabor and Cumberland Union were read and names of delegates enrolled.

Renewed the invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. Capt. W. J. Tolar announced himself as a visitor from the Robeson Association. Rev. W. F. Watson announced himself a visitor from the Liberty Association and representing the Baptist Orphanage and Thomasville Female College. They were welcomed to seats.

Rev. D. J. Clarke read the report on Prayer Meetings, which, after remarks by him, was adopted. (See report.)

Rev. J. D. Clarke read the report on Home Missions. After remarks by Elders J. D. Clarke and Wm. Brunt the report was adopted. (See report.)

The committee to nominate writers on different subjects for next session reported as follows:

Prayer Meetings—J. M. Johnson.
Education—E. D. Johnson.
Home Missions—W. S. Fisher.
State Missions—Wm. Brunt.
Ministerial Support—J. D. Clarke.
Intemperance—W. S. Johnson.
Bible Schools—A. J. Guy.
Obituaries—A. S. Smith.
Foreign Missions—R. D. Melvin.
Periodicals—J. G. Fisher.
Orphanage—Z. B. Newton.

Rev. E. D. Johnson read the report on State Missions. After remarks by Elders E. J. Edwards, J. G. Fisher and W. F. Watson report was adopted and the following pledges made:

Cedar Creek,	$ 5.00	Green Springs,	$12.00
Judson,	5.00	Great Marsh,	5.00
Mount Pisgah,	6.00	Lebanon,	5.00
Cumberland Union,	10.00	Centre Road,	2.00
Sharon,	5.00	Shiloh,	5.00
Cypress Creek,	5.00	Brier Branch,	3.00
White Oak,	10.00	Bladen Union,	5.00
		Total,	$83.00

Rev. W. J. King and Bro. N. T. Tyson announced themselvs corresponding messengers from the Sandy Creek Association, and were welcomed to seats in the Association.

The letters from Rockfish and Union Springs were read and names of delegates enrolled.

The letter from Spring Vale was taken from the table, and letter of dismission was granted said church to unite with the Eastern Association. A letter was also granted to Mount Tabor to unite with the Little River Association.

The Association called off to hear the Missionary sermon by Rev. Wm. Brunt from Matthew 6, 19-34. At the close of the sermon a collection amounting to $4.83 was taken up.

Recess for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Churches not represented yesterday again called.

The letters from Judson and Cedar Falls were read and the names of the delegates enrolled. The ten minutes rule was suspended for Revs. Gray and Watson.

The special order, Periodicals, was taken up and report read by R. T. Gray. The session was addressed by Revs. R. T. Gray and W. F. Watson. Report adopted. (See report.)

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. D. J. Clarke, who addressed the Association. Adopted.

James Vann and Wm. Hatcher were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of Treasurer and Finance Committee.

Agreed that the next session of this Association be held with the Church at Bladen Union on Wednesday after the second Sunday in October, 1889, Rev. E. D. Johnson to preach the Introductory sermon on Wednesday at 11 o'clock, Rev. J. G. Fisher to preach the Missionary sermon Thursday at 11 o'clock.

The report on Ministerial Support was read by A. S. Smith. After remarks by A. S. Smith, Z. B. Newton and Rev. J. G. Fisher report was adopted. (See report.)

Renewed invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. Rev. C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, Dr. John Mitchell, of the Central Association, representing the Board of Education, announced themselves and were welcomed to seats.

Report on Education made special order for Friday at 10 o'clock A. M.

The report on Intemperance was made by Rev. J. G. Fisher. After remarks by Rev. J. G. Fisher it was adopted.

The report on Bible Schools was read by H. M. Howard. The Association was addressed by Elders J. D. Clarke, C. Durham and John Mitchell. Report adopted.

The committee to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention reported the following:

J. G. Fisher, P. P. Hall, J. A. Howard, Wm. Brunt, E. J. Edwards, E. D. Johnson, W. S. Melvin, D. S. Bullard, Z. T. Kivett, R. D. Melvin, A. S. Smith, H. B. Downing, J. D. Clarke, James Vann.

Treasurer read his annual report, which was referred to Auditing Committee.

At the request of the Treasurer the Finance Committee was ordered to pay over to Bro. W. F. Watson the amount in their hands for Baptist Orphanage.

Rev. J. G. Fisher was elected a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Adjourned to 9.30 o'clock Friday morning.

Prayer, Dr. Mitchell leading. Benediction by Rev. C. Durham.

Preaching in the Presbyterian Church at night by Rev. R. T. Gray.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 19th.

The Association convened at the appointed hour. Religious services conducted by Rev. C. Durham.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

The Committee to select Messengers to sister Associations report the following:

To South—E. J. Edwards.
To Robeson—J. G. Fisher and J. D. Clarke.
To Cape Fear—E. D. Johnson.
To Eastern—Z. B. Newton.
To Little River—J. Vann, W. C. West.

The report on obituaries was read by R. D. Melvin.

The Clerk was instructed to insert what the churches had done for different objects in separate columns.

The Clerk was allowed $10 for his services and instructed to publish minutes according to funds sent up.

Report on Education was read by Z. B. Newton.

Interesting and impressive speeches were made by Dr. Mitchell and Rev. C. Durham.

The Auditing Committee submitted their report. Received.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to brethren, sisters and friends of this community for the kind and hospitable manner in which this body has been entertained.

Report of the Executive Committee was read and received.

The following brethren were appointed on Executive Committee for next year: D. K. Mints, A. J. Guy, H. B. Downing, W. S. Fisher and W. L. Nunley, and the Mission work in the bounds of this Association was turned over to the State Board.

Adjourned to time and place of next meeting. Hymn, "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood," was sung by the congregation. Dr. Mitchell led in prayer. The congregation then sang Hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," after which the brethren took an affectionate leave of each other, and thus closed a very pleasant and harmonious session.

WM. BRUNT, Moderator.

R. D. MELVIN, Clerk.

NOTE.—Amounts from several churches were indicated for Education, to be raised during next year. Memorandum mislaid. The amount named was about $58.00. CLERK.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

BIBLE SCHOOLS.

The Bible, what is it? and what it's mission? As to what it is eternity alone will reveal, for angels desired to look into this great plan of redemption. And while Popes, Kings, Infidels and Skeptics have tried to put it down as false, we still have the Bible in its purity, and, weak and simple as we are, the truths taught in this sacred volume we may understand. By reading the scriptures and obeying it's teachings we are to enter into eternal rest: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest, for he that seeks shall find," and for help I would recommend fervent prayer for guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. HOWARD.

STATE MISSIONS.

This is the work of all the Associations of the State. There have been employed this year 87 Missionaries in different parts of the State. There is need of money to carry on this work.

COMMITTEE.

INTEMPERANCE.

In view of the fact that no drunkard can enter heaven, and it being evident that drunkenness is injurious to men, mothers, wives and children, we, as members of Churches and as an Association, should do all in our power to suppress this great evil of intemperance.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. FISHER.

PRAYER MEETINGS.

In searching the scriptures we find nothing more urgent as duty than that of prayer. We are taught "whatsoever ye shall ask in my name that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." Jesus gave the example of prayer both in word and example. We find him in secret prayer often, and living in prayer, and teaching his apostles to pray, saying: "Our father which art in heaven," etc.; again for those given him—that the Father would keep them and make them one in mind and purpose. Then his apostles continued in prayer each Sabbath morning, and how often Jesus met them and endorsed prayer. Now the Apostle Paul says: "Pray without ceasing, and in all things give thanks." We would recommend weekly prayer meetings, private and family prayer. "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire unuttered or expressed," "The watchword at the gates of death, we enter heaven with prayer." We should remember in prayer our North Carolina Missionaries in the foreign lands :—Powell, Bryan, Herring, Baldwin and Taylor,—and the success of the gospel at home and abroad.

Respectfully submitted,
D. J. CLARKE.

PERIODICALS.

The circulation of religious literature is one of our great needs, especially such as are usually published in defence of the principles held sacred by us. We most earnestly recommend a wider circulation of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, our own State paper. Whilst we hold the Bible as our text book, we cannot well do without our own Baptist organ. It aids us in understanding the word of God. It prompts us to greater efforts for Christ. It tells us of what is being done for the Master's glory, which stimulates us as workers in the Master's vineyard. We also recommend *Kind Words* for our Sunday Schools.

R. T. GRAY.

HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission Board is in great need of money. A great work needs to be done in Arkansas, where there are more than twenty counties without Baptist Churches. In Louisiana there are twenty-five counties without Baptist preaching, saying nothing of the great city of New Orleans. Texas calls loudly for help, with fifty counties and thirty thousand souls perishing in spiritual darkness. We recommend that this Association contribute generously to Home Missions, and that our pastors arouse the churches on this most important subject.

Respectfully submitted,
J. D. CLARKE.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

At present this is the important work for us, and dearest to many of our hearts. State and Home Missions are being well cared for. Foreign Mission work has just begun. The foreign nations are more greatly in darkness and are bowing down to their gods of wood and stone. Many of them, as the Mahomedans, only know God the Father in their worship. Then it is important that they should be taught of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is a world-wide commission : "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This command is enjoined on each of us who has named the name of Jesus. For every breath you draw four heathen pass into eternity. Every day one hundred thousand die. Every year forty millions perish. In Africa, with her two hundred million souls, only sixty millions have been taught the gospel. India and China, with their millions in need of the gospel, cry "come over and help us." What a field! Let us go up and possess it.

D. J. CLARKE.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

"The gifts and calling of God are without repentance." If any man is called of God to preach the gospel of the Kingdom, it is his duty, whatever may be his education; but the fact that a large majority of those who are called to the ministry receive impressions to that effect in early life, marks with unerring accuracy the fact that their education should be shaped to that end, and that much of their time should be spent in preparation for the work. Education is a power, and without it a minister will often feel his weakness. It adds to his ease in the pulpit, his influence over others, and his ability to present bible truths in a clear and comprehensive manner. Your committee recommend that the Cedar Creek Association use every effort to keep a beneficiary at Wake Forest College.

Respectfully submitted, Z. B. NEWTON.

OBITUARIES.

We find that, since our last meeting, there have been forty deaths in our bounds. We have, as a body, to lament not only a loss in numerical strength, but a great loss from our spiritual inefficiency. Among our lost are our aged, venerable sister Susan Thagard, of the Cedar Creek Church. Truly a pious christian mother is gone. Also our sister Eugenia, wife of our beloved Bro. Rev. William Brunt, of White Oak Church. As a teacher, friend, neighbor and sister, she possessed many qualities that endeared her to those around her. Our aged and vegerable brother, J. A. R. Howard, a deacon in Manchester Church, has been called to his reward. His life was one of usefulness in the Sabbath School, in the Church, and as a neighbor and citizen he was truly an upright man, with those others whose names we failed to learn. Let us be ready, for we know not when we may be called to go.

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. MELVIN.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Our first meeting was at Centre Road in October 1887. Weather inclement. No quorum. Our next meeting was at Brier Branch 5th Sunday in January, 1888. Two members present. The Bladen Union paid over to Executive Committee funds in their hands. The committee continued Bro. W. S. Melvin at Henry's School House.

Our next meeting was at Jackson Swamp 5th Sunday in April. The report of W. S. Melvin was received: 7 days at Henry School House. The following amounts were paid in:

Green Springs,	$2 10
Mt. Pleasant,	35
Cypress Creek,	80
White Oak,	2 00
Centre Road,	25
Congregation,	2 58
R. D. Melvin, Treasurer,	2 00
	$10 08

Paid W. S. Melvin 7 days' services, $10.50.

Respectfully submitted,
D. K. MINTS, Sec'y.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. D. MELVIN, Treasurer, *in account with Cedar Creek Association.*

1887.		
Oct. 14.	To am't from Finance Committee for Minute Fund	$ 30 60
" "	" " " " " " Associational Missions	2 00
" "	" " " " " " Foreign Missions	54 05
" "	" " " " " " State Missions	103 40
" "	" " " " " " Home Missions	3 02
" "	" " Collection for Foreign Missions	11 26
" "	" " Baptist Orphanage	15 31
		$219 64

DISBURSEMENTS,

By amount paid D. K. Mints, Missions	$ 2 00
" " " F. H. Briggs Foreign Missions	65 31
" " " " " State Missions	103 40
" " " " " Home Missions	3 02
" " " " " Baptist Orphanage	15 31
Printing Minutes	20 00
Express charges	40
Clerk's Fees	10 00
Balance	20
	$219 64

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. MELVIN, Treasurer.

Your Committee find the above correct.

W. HATCHER,
JAS. VANN,
Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Total.
Cedar Creek	$ 1 80	$	$ ...	$ 5 00	$ ...	$ 3 70	$ 10 50
Judson	1 45	.....	2 45	4 57	.....	.....	8 47
Lebanon	2 00	......	2 13	6 00	......	.....	10 13
Mount Tabor	50	.....	81	1 80	.....	1 80	4 91
Manchester	1 05	......	......	3 00	......	......	4 05
Rocky Mount	70	......	.....	2 00	......	......	2 70
Cedar Falls	50	......	2 00	.....	......	......	2 50
Cumberland Union	1 00	......	3 00	6 65	......	......	10 65
Mount Pisgah	1 10	.....	2 17	80	1 70	......	5 77
Rockfish	55	.....	1 58	1 58	......	1 58	5 29
Beaver Dam	1 60	.....	2 50	2 50	.....	......	6 60
Sharon	1 00	.....	46	2 25	.....	....	3 71
Mount Pleasant	80	......	....	..	...	......	80
Smith's Chapel	1 00	......	50	3 00	.....	......	4 50
Cypress Creek	1 10	.. ..	......	5 00	......	1 25	7 25
Brier Branch	1 00	......	2 68	3 00	......	.. ...	6 78
White Oak	2 50	.....	75	10 00	.....	.....	13 25
Shiloh	......	.....	20	......	......	......	20
Bladen Union	1 00	......	3 09	3 09	......	.....	7 18
Green Springs	2 15	.....	13 88	15 00	......	3 82	34 85
Great Marsh	1 75	.....	6 05	3 00	......	.....	10 80
Union Springs	40	......	......	2 50	......	......	2 90
Spring Vale	20	......	1 08	2 00	......	......	3 28
Cape Fear	1 00	......	......	3 00	......	......	4 00
Peter's Creek	75	.....	......	50	......	.....	1 25
Collection	......	......	.....	1 75	.....	......	1 75
Miss Henrietta Smith	......	......	2 50	......	......	.....	2 50
D. D. Salmon	......	......	......	1 00	.....	......	1 00
	$26 90	......	$47 83	$88 99	$ 1 70	$12 15	$ 177 57

Respectfully subbmitted,

Z. T. KIVETT,
A. L. SMITH,
Finance Committee.

Your Committee find the above correct.

WILLIAM HATCHER,
JAMES VANN,
Auditing Committee.

STATEMENT OF FUNDS AS REPORTED BY LETTERS.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Minute Fund.	Various Objects.	Church Expenses.	Total.
Cedar Creek....	$	.....	$ 5 00	$ 6 80	$ ...	$ 3 70	$ 1 80	$25 54	$	$ 42 84
Judson........	......	.....	4 57	2 45	.....	......	95	......	....	7 97
Lebanon	75 00	.....	6 00	2 13	....	......	20	......	7 38	92 51
Mount Tabor....	50 00	.....	1 80	81	.....	1 80	50	......	......	54 91
Manchester....	101 20	.....	3 00	9 00	....	......	1 05	......	5 00	121 25
Rocky Mount...	40 00	....	2 00	......	.....	......	20	......	.....	42 20
Cedar Falls ...	......	.....	.....	......	.....	......	50	......	......	50
Cumberl'd Union	150 00	.....	6 65	3 00	....	......	.....	.....	......	159 65
Mount Pisgah...	......	....	80	2 17	1 70	.....	1 10	......	......	5 77
Rockfish	......	.....	1 58	1 58	.....	1 58	55	......	......	5 29
Beaver Dam.....	53 00	.....	2 50	2 50	1 00	1 82	1 50	.....	......	65 91
Sharon.........	......	....	3 76	46	.....	......	1 00	......	......	5 22
Mount Pleasant.	......	.....	......	......	.....	......	80	......	......	80
Smith's Chapel..	......	.....	3 00	50	.....	......	1 00	......	......	4 50
Cypress Creek...	......	.....	5 00	......	.....	1 25	70	......	......	6 95
Brier Branch....	......	.....	3 00	2 68	.....	......	1 10	.....	......	6 68
White Oak......	......	.....	......	......	.....	......	2 50	10 75	.....	13 25
Shiloh.........	......	.....	......	20	.....	......	......	.....	......	20
*Powell Mission	......	.....	......	......	.....	......	......	......	......	....
Bladen Union...	......	.....	3 09	3 09	....	......	1 00	......	......	7 18
Green Springs...	100 00	2 10	15 00	16 11	....	7 00	......	6 00	......	147 86
Great Marsh	......	.....	3 00	6 04	....	......	1 50	......	......	9 54
Spring Vale	40 00	.....	5 78	3 45	....	.....	......	......	2 40	51 63
Union Springs .	......	.....	2 50	......	.....	......	40	......	......	2 90
Cape Fear	60 00	....	3 00	......	.....	....	1 10	......	......	64 10
Peter's Creek....	......	....	50	......	.....	......	75	......	......	1 25
	$669 20	$2 10	$82 03	$62 97	$2 70	$17 15	$20 10	$42 29	$14 78	$920 86

NOTE.—The Church Clerks do not give a full statement of funds paid out for various purposes, consequently I can not give a correct statement of what the churches have done.

CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptised.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed	Died.	Excluded.	Total Membership.	SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.			
								SUPERINTENDENTS.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes and Papers.
Cedar Creek	7	5	1	5	5	3	223	A. J. Guy	4	85	....
Judson	9	3	1	12	3	5	109	C. D. Hall	4	41	..
Lebanan	4	2	1	4	1	..	207	D. B. Coleman	10	59	50
Mount Tabor	..	..	..	..	1	..	31	John Wood	..	....	.
Manchester	4	2	2	4	1	..	72	Z. T. Kivett	5	52	5
Rocky Mount	..	..	..	..	..	5	20	....	..	....	....
Cedar Falls	..	..	..	..	5	..	....	....	..	....	....
Cumberland Union	1	1	..	4	1	3	132	A. S. Thagard	..	....	....
Mount Pisgah	5	..	..	1	4	..	130	W. S. Fisher	5	30	25
Rockfish	2	2	..	..	2	..	32	M. Morgan	16	100	....
Beaver Dam	2	1	..	1	2	4	103	....	..	....	....
Sharon	..	..	..	..	..	..	74	....	..	...	...
Corinth	4	1	..	3	.	1	68	J. O. Carter	.	....	....
Mount Pleasant	2	3	.	2	1	..	45	C. M. Green	4	26	....
Smith's Chapel	7	..	1	2	2	1	123	Mrs. A. Cashwell	..	....	....
Cypress Creek	..	1	..	15	.	3	93	....	..	....	....
Brier Branch	6	..	3	..	1	8		....	..	....	....
White Oak	5	3	..	2	3	5	219	C. Martin	..	....	....
Shiloh	5	..	..	3	2	1	98	D. D. Salmon	..	....	....
Bladen Union	13	..	5	6	1	3	110	R. B. Humphrey	8	65	....
Green Springs	8	2	..	2	2	3	109	....	.	....	..
Great Marsh	2	9	3	..	..	3	196	A. Odam	7	100	80
Spring Vale	3	9	..	..	1	..	52	J. W. Green	..	30	18
Union Springs	..	..	..	2	..	..	42	....	..	....	....
Cape Fear	2	..	1	2	2	..	55	....	..	....	....
Peter's Creek	4	3	..	..	.	..	42	....	..	....	....
	85	47	18	70	40	38	2385		63	588	178

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Cedar Creek	J. G. Fisher	Roslin N. C.	F. A. Rollins	Starrsburg, N. C.
Judson	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek “	A. J. Bullard	Idaho, “
Lebanon	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store “	R. J. Harrison	Fayetteville, “
Mount Tabor	J. A. Campbell	Buie's Creek “	W. Hatcher	Carlos, “
Manchester	A. R. Pittman	Lumber Bridge “	H. J. Kivett	Manchester, “
Rocky Mount			W. G. Wright	Fayetteville, “
Cedar Falls	James Vann	Fayetteville “		
Cumberland Union	A. R. Pittman	Lumber Bridge “	G. F. Thagard	Cedar Creek, “
Mount Pisgah	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek “	W. S. Fisher	Brunt, “
Rockfish	J. G. Fisher	Roslin “	E. W. McWhite	Hope Mills, “
Beaver Dam	J. G. Fisher	Roslin “	P. M. Bullard	Clay Fork, “
Sharon	Wm. Brunt	Winnie “	D. M. Beard	Clay Fork, “
Corinth	R. Honeycutt	Beaman's X Roads. “	J. W. Simmons	
Mount Pleasant	W. S. Melvin	Winnie “	John Horn	Mailland, “
Smith's Chapel	W. S. Melvin	Winnie “	W. R. Carter	Ingold, “
Cypress Creek	Wm. Brunt	Winnie “	M. McK. Smith	Cypress Creek, “
Brier Branch	C. E. Beard		R. P. Tatom	Downingville, “
White Oak	Wm. Brunt	Winnie “	D. M. Melvin	Winnie, “
Shiloh	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork “	M. H. Seawell	Willis' Creek, “
Bladen Union	J. D. Clark	St. Paul's “	A. H. Tolar	Willis' Creek, “
Green Springs	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork “	D. A. McNeill	Hope Mills, “
Great Marsh	E. D. Johnson	St. Paul's “	G. H. Clark	St. Paul's, “
Spring Vale	W. A. Melvin	Harrell's Store “	L. A. Register	Ingold, “
Union Springs	J. G. Fisher	Roslin “	B. F. West	Fayetteville, “
Cape Fear	J. G. Fisher	Roslin “	S. Jones	Edonia, “
Peter's Creek	W. S. Melvin	Winnie “	F. Simmons	Clay Fork, “

The next meeting of this Association will be held with Bladen Union Church, Bladen County, N. C., beginning Wednesday after the second Sunday in October, 1889.

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OFFICERS AND MINISTERS.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Cedar Creek,—J. E. Averitt.
Judson,—John Horn.
Lebanon,—W. A. Beard.
Manchester,—H. M. Howard.
Rocky Mount,—Z. B. Newton.
Cedar Falls,—Jas. Vann.
Cumb'ld. Union,—D. K. Mints.
Mt. Pisgah,—C. D. Burk.
Rockfish,—A. J. Bullard.
Beaver Dam,—P. P. Hall.
Sharon,—Sion Horn.
Mt. Pleasant,—S. H. Melvin.
Smith Chapel,—Ed. Rich.
Cypress Creek,—A. L. Smith.
White Lake,—R. H. Marshburn.
Shiloh,—W. H. Butler.
Bladen Union,—R. B. Humphrey.
Green Springs,—J. G. Fisher.
Cape Fear,—J. B. Williams.
Union Springs,—B. F. West.
Center Road,—G. M. Pate.
Kates Chapel,—J. K. Sutton.
Suggs' Grove,—J. W. Downing.
Mt. Olive,—J. Allen.
Great Marsh,—R. D. Melvin.
Peter's Creek,—I. M. Smith.
Jackson Swamp,—J. P. Mercer.
Corinth,—M. McDaniel.

MINISTERS.

William Brunt,	Winnie,	N. C.
W. S. Melvin,	"	"
E. D. Johnson,	St. Paul's,	"
J. D. Clarke,	" "	"
J. G. Fisher,	Roslin,	"
J. Salmon,	Hope Mills,	"
C. E. Beard,	Winnie,	"
E. J. Edwards,	Cedar Creek,	"
D. S. Bullard,	Clay Fork,	"
W. C. West,	Fayetteville,	"
N. Mercer,	Lumberton,	"
L. Bryan,	Cypress Cr'k	"
Jas. Vann	Fayetteville,	"

PROCEEDINGS.

The Cedar Creek Association assembled in its 32nd annual session with Bladen Union church, Wednesday, October 16th, 1889, at 11 o'clock a. m.

The introductory sermon was preached by appointee, Rev. E. D. Johnson, from Psalm 46, 4: "There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High."

Recess for forty-five minutes.

On re-assembling the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Wm. Brunt. Religious exercises conducted by Rev. C. S. Cashwell, who read the 12th chapter of Isaiah. Hymn 982, "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord," sang.

Roll of churches called. A majority being represented the Association was declared ready for business.

Appointed N. C. Thagard and D. M. Melvin reading clerks.

Appointed Henry Jones and R. M. Tolar a Committee on Finance.

Church letters called for and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Cedar Creek—J. E. Averitt, N. C. Thagard, Theo. Padgett.
Judson—L. D. Sessoms, L. McDaniel, E. H. Bullard.
Lebanon—W. A. Beard, G. A. Guy, E. C. Harrison.
Manchester—H. M. Howard, R. P. Howard, H. J. Kivett.
Rocky Mount—Z. B. Newton.
Cedar Falls—James Vann, Giles Ham, D. A. Buie.
Cumberland Union—S. H. Johnson, V. B. Hair, Henry Jones.
Mount Pisgah—E. J. Edwards, C. D. Burke, W. L. Nunally.
Rockfish—Jas. Salmon, H. J. Bullard, M. Morgan.
Beaver Dam—D. S. Bullard, F. J. Vinson, F. A. Horn.
Sharon—E. F. Beard, J. B. Melvin, W. J. F. Beard.
Corinth—Not represented.
Mount Pleasant—By letter.
Centre Road—Not represented.
Smith's Chapel—Thos. Rich, Ed. Rich, H. Carter.
Cypress Creek—L. Bryan, B. Smith, M. McK. Smith.
Brier Branch—A. L. Jones, A. Downing, M. Johnson.
White Oak—D. B. Melvin, Wm. Brunt, D. M. Melvin.
White Lake—By letter.
Kate's Chapel—G. P. Sutton, J. K. Sutton.
Shiloh—W. H. Butler, M. D. Averitt, J. W. Bullard.
Sugg's Grove—Not represented.

Bladen Union—R. Riddle, R. M. Tolar, M. Willis.
Mount Olive—B. F. Kinlaw, J. B. Allen, C. D. Kinlaw.
Green Springs—J. G. Fisher, W. S. Bramble, J. D. McFadgen.
Great Marsh—E. D. Johnson, J. D. Clarke, R. D. Melvin.
Jackson Swamp—Not represented.
Union Springs—Not represented.
Cape Fear—S. Jones, J. B. Williams, D. Evans.
Peter's Creek—A. Simmons, I. M. Smith, J. D. Tatom.

The term of the officers having expired, H. M. Howard and Spurgeon Jones were appointed tellers. Rev William Brunt was re-elected Moderator. R. D. Melvin re-elected Clerk and Treasurer.

Invitation given to new churches wishing to connect with this body. None present.

An invitation was extended to corresponding and visiting brethren: Bro. N. T. Tyson announced himself a visitor from the Sandy Creek Association. Rev. J. C. Stowell, representing the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Rev. C. S. Cashwell of the South Yadkin Association, also representing the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, announced themselves and were welcomed to seats in this body.

Rev. J. G. Fisher stated he would act as agent to receive subscriptions for BIBLICAL RECORDER.

Appointed Rev. J. D. Clark and deacons of Bladen Union church a vigilant committee, also to arrange preaching.

The report on Home Missions was made special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow, and Rev. J. C. Stowell was added to the committee to write.

Appointed J. G. Fisher and E. D. Johnson to nominate writers for next session.

Appointed E. J. Edwards and L. Bryan a committee to select delegates to Baptist State Convention.

Appointed D. S. Bullard and W. S. Melvin to nominate messengers to sister Associations.

Rev. C. S. Cashwell was added to Committee on Obituaries.

Adjourned to 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

Prayer, Rev. E. J. Edwards leading.

Benediction by Rev. J. G. Fisher.

THURSDAY MORNING, October, 17th.

The Association convened at the appointed hour.

Religious exercises conducted by Rev. W. S. Melvin, who read 19th Psalm. Hymn 88: "Come let us lift our joyful eyes," &c., sang.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Churches not represented yesterday called.

The letter from Shiloh was read and names of delegates enrolled.

Renewed invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. None present.

On motion, the delegates from Cumberland Union were allowed to correct their letter.

Leave of absence granted D. S. Bullard, Thomas Rich, J. G. Fisher and H. J. Bullard.

The committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention reported as follows:

E. J. Edwards, J. G. Fisher, W. S. Melvin, Wm. Brunt, J. D. Clark, E. D. Johnson, R. D. Melvin, D. S. Bullard, Frank Davis, Sydney Willoughby, Miles Melvino, W. S. Johnson, N. C. Thagard, D. K. Mints, H. Jones, S. Jones, James Vann and John Smith.

The hour for special order (report on Home Missions) having arrived, the session was addressed by Rev. J. C. Stowell, and the delegates promised to try to raise the following amounts for Home Missions:

Cedar Creek,	$ 5 00	Lebanon,	$ 5 00
Rocky Mount,	2 00	Cedar Falls,	2 50
Cumberland Union,	5 00	Mount Pisgah,	6 00
Smith's Chapel,	2 00	White Oak,	5 00
Shiloh,	5 00	Bladen Union,	5 00
Green Springs,	5 00	Great Marsh,	5 00
Cape Fear,	2 00	Peter's Creek,	2 00
Kate's Chapel,	3 00	Mount Olive,	2 00
Rockfish,	5 00		
		Total,	$66 50

The Association was called off to hear the missionary sermon by Rev. J. G. Fisher, from Mark, 16th chapter, 15th and 16th verses: "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned," after which a collection amounting to $13.42 was taken up and left in hands of Finance Committee.

Recess for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Churches not represented yesterday again called. Z. B. Newton was recognized as a delegate from Rocky Mount and his name enrolled.

Report on Prayer Meetings by J. M. Johnson. Remarks by L. Bryan and S. H. Johnson. Report adopted. (See appendix).

Renewed invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. D. W. McGugan announced himself a visitor from Robeson Association and was welcomed to a seat.

Report on Education was read by E. D. Johnson and made the special order for 2 o'clock Friday.

Delegates from Mount Olive granted leave of absence for balance of session.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by R. D. Melvin. After remarks by L. Bryan, C. S. Cashwell and M. Johnson it was adopted.

Ordered, that the collection to-day, $13.42, be devoted to Foreign Missions.

Appointed D. W. McGugan to write on Intemperance and report at this session.

Appointed V. B. Hair and Gaston Sutton a committee to audit the Treasurer's and Finance Committee's accounts.

Agreed that the next session of this Association be held with the church at Cumberland Union, Cumberland County, Wednesday after the second Sunday in October, 1890. Rev. William Brunt to preach the Introductory Sermon on Wednesday at 11 o'clock, a. m. Rev. E. J. Edwards to preach the Missionary Sermon Thursday at 11 o'clock, a. m.

Report on Orphanage read by Z. B. Newton. After remarks by Z. B. Newton, C. S. Cashwell and L. Bryan it was adopted.

Z. B. Newton was granted leave of absence.

At the request of Treasurer the Finance Committee was ordered to pay over to C. S. Cashwell the amount of funds in their hands, $24.10, for Baptist Orphanage.

Report on Ministerial Support was read by J. D. Clark. Remarks by the Moderator. Report adopted.

Report on Intemperance was read by D. W. McGugan. Adopted.

E. J. Edwards offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the resolution passed at the session of 1887, transferring the Associational Mission Work to the State Board of the Convention, be rescinded, and that the Association resume the old plan of doing her Mission Work.

The Association appointed the following as the Executive Board: J. E. Averitt, J. Horn, W. A. Beard, H. M. Howard, Z. B. Newton, J. Vann, D. K. Mints, C. D. Burk, H. J. Bullard, P. P. Hall, S. Horn, M. McDaniel, S. H. Melvin, G. M. Pate, E. Rich, A. S. Smith, M. Johnson, D. B. Melvin, R. H. Marshburn, W. H. Butler, R. B. Humphrey, J. G. Fisher, J. B. Williams, B. F. West, J. K. Sutton, J. W. Downing, J. Allen, R. D. Melvin, I. M. Smith, J. P. Mercer.

The Treasurer read his report, which was referred to Auditing Committee.

Committee on Finance Report was referred to Auditing Committee.

A committee of five, consisting of brethren L. Bryan, W. S. Fisher, A. J. Guy, S. H. Johnson and W. S. Johnson, were appointed as a Bible School Board to hold their meetings with the Executive Board.

Adjourned to 9:30 o'clock Friday morning.

Prayer, Rev. J. Vann leading.

Benediction by Rev. J. Salmon.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 18th.

The Association convened at the appointed hour and gave way for a meeting of the Executive Board, which organized by electing E. J. Edwards Chairman and R. D. Melvin Secretary and Treasurer.

The Association resumed business.

Religious exercises were conducted by L. Bryan, who read 53rd chapter of Isaiah. Hymn: "Rock of ages cleft for me," sang.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Renewed invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. J. H. Mills, of the Baptist Orphanage, presented himself and delivered a short address in behalf of that institution.

The committee to select Messengers to sister Associations made the following report:

To South River—G. A. Guy, E. J. Edwards, C. E. Beard.
To Cape Fear—N. Mercer, J. P. Mercer, J. G. Fisher.
To Robeson—E. D. Johnson, J. D. Clarke, R. D. Melvin.

To Eastern—H. Carter, L. Bryan, Thomas Rich.
To Little River—H. M. Howard, E. J. Edwards, Z. T. Kivett.

The committee to nominate writers on different subjects for next session reported:

Prayer Meetings—D S. Bullard.
Education—W. S. Melvin.
Home Missions—E. J. Edwards.
State Missions—J. D. Clarke.
Foreign Missions—J. G. Fisher.
Ministerial Support—C. E. Beard.
Intemperance—L. Bryan.
Bible Schools—William Brunt.
Obituaries—J. Salmon.
Periodicals—N. C. Thagard.
Orphanage—Theo. Padgett.

A. J. Guy made the report on Bible Schools. Adopted. (See appendix).

Renewed invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. Rev. C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of Baptist State Convention, Dr. Mitchell, representing the Board of Education, and Rev. J. S. Speight, Associate Editor of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, announced themselves and were invited to seats in the body.

The Report on State Missions was read by Rev. Wm. Brunt.

The session was addressed by Rev. C. Durham with an impressive spirit, after which the delegates agreed to try and raise for State Missions the following sums:

Cedar Creek,	$ 5 00	Cedar Falls,	$ 2 50
Judson,	5 00	Green Springs,	10 00
Lebanon,	5 00	Peter's Creek,	2 00
Manchester,	5 00	Brier Branch,	5 00
Rocky Mount,	2 00	White Oak,	10 00
Cumberland Union,	5 00	Bladen Union,	5 00
Mount Pisgah,	8 00	Great Marsh,	5 00
Rockfish,	2 00	Cape Fear,	2 00
Sharon,	3 00		
		Total,	$81 50

After which a collection amounting to $6.54 was taken up for State Missions and paid over to Finance Committee.

The delegates from Lebanon were granted leave of absence.

A collection of $23.52 for the Orphanage was taken, which was paid over to J. H. Mills.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The report on Periodicals was read by J. G. Fisher. Remarks by Rev. J. S. Speight. Report adopted. (See appendix).

The special hour for report on Education having arrived, the session was addressed by Dr. John Mitchell and the Moderator, after which the following amounts were promised for education, the delegates promising to raise the same:

Cedar Creek,	$ 5 00	Cumberland Union,	$ 5 00
Manchester,	5 00	Kate's Chapel,	2 00
Rocky Mount,	5 00	White Oak,	10 00
Green Springs,	5 00	Rockfish,	2 00
Mount Pisgah,	5 00	Great Marsh,	5 00
Bladen Union,	5 00	Cape Fear,	1 00
		Total,	$55 00

The Auditing Committee submitted their report, which was received.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to this church and neighborhood for their kind hospitality during this session.

Agreed to pay the Clerk $10.00 for his services.

Hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung.

Thus closed a pleasant and harmonious session.

WM. BRUNT, Moderator.

R. D. MELVIN, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

STATE MISSIONS.

In the language of last year's report, "this is the work of all the Associations." Our duty to suppport State Missions is sacred. Let us avoid delinquency as a thing hurtful to ourselves as well as the cause.

COMMITTEE.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The last words spoken by Jesus to his disciples were, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," and we mean by Foreign Missions preaching the Gospel in foreign lands—among the heathen. A great awakening of Christian hearts and minds to thoughts of duty, and prayers for blessings on the heathen, is moving us to-day. 'Tis not only the Macedonian cry of these blind ones, but the voice of Jesus, our leader, saying, "Let my name be exalted among the heathen," that wakes and thrills us. What shall be the position of this Association? Shall we wait for the laggards, the idlers, the drones and the covetous ones? Nay, but in the name of the Lord of Hosts, let us go up and possess the land. We urge upon our churches the duty of enlarging their contributions that ye be not faithless to the solemn commands.

Submitted,

R. D. MELVIN.

EDUCATION.

As education is such a good thing we should all try to educate those under our charge, so they may be prepared for the duties of life.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. JOHNSON.

PERIODICALS.

A knowledge of our past history as a denomination, and of our present position, and the demands that are upon us, and the prospects before us, are necessary to our future success. We therefore recommend *Kind Words*, *Foreign Mission Journal*, *Charity and Children*, and last, but not least, the BIBLICAL RECORDER, as the best means by which to obtain the needed information.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. FISHER.

HOME MISSIONS.

We might write a great deal on this subject, but suffice it to say that the Home Mission Board has done a good work in our own beloved land; yet there is need of more, and Cuba is calling for the bread of life. Shall we withhold it?

Respectfully submitted
W. S. FISHER.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

In this school we have had the great privilege of reading the Bible and learning much of its truths. By reading these sacred pages we have been led to believe that Christ died to save sinners and that He rose for their justification. Having learned these truths, we should not fail to assemble ourselves together each Sabbath to instruct our children in these solemn truths. Our duty to God and to ourselves demand that we bring our children to these schools for training in Bible knowledge. We should use all the means with which God has blessed us to teach our children these Bible truths.

Respectfully submitted,
A. J. GUY.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We believe that our churches ought to support their pastors as liberally as their circumstances would allow. Every member ought to give according to their ability. And until we wake up along this line we may content ourselves with an uneducated ministry. No man can preach as well whose mind is absorbed with secular pursuits as if his necessities were provided for. No class of men are driven to greater straits to live than the ministers of the Gospel. The churches should pay their pastors quarterly. This would enable them to pay cash and save a large per cent. The Scriptures teach us: "Who goeth a warfare anytime at his own charge? who planteth a vineyard and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or, who feedeth a flock and eateth not of the milk of the flock?" 1st Cor. 9:7. "For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for the oxen?" 1st Cor. 9:9. "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?" 1st Cor. 9:11. "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple?" 1st Cor. 9:13. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." 1st Cor. 9:14.

Respectfully submitted,
J. D. CLARK.

PRAYER MEETINGS.

We are taught in the Scriptures the importance of prayer. It is the medium through which Christ has promised to bless his people. Paul says, pray without ceasing and in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God concerning you. It is one of the commands of Christ. What a sublime and glorious privilege it is to take all of our trials and troubles and even our sins to God in prayer, and to know that he will hear us. He has said he would hear the prayers of faith and is not slack concerning his promises. Christ says, "Where any two of you shall agree on earth, as touching any one thing, it shall be done. And where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." He is able to fulfill his promises. The ancient worthies had great power with God in prayer, because of their faith. Our Savior says, "If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye could say to this sycamore tree, be thou plucked up and be cast into the sea, and it would obey you." For want of faith we ask and receive not, because we ask amiss. Let us come in faith and ask God to bless our work, also that of our missionaries, that He would bless their labors, and get to themselves great names in the salvation of men.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. JOHNSON.

INTEMPERANCE.

Against temperance there is no law. Abstain from every appearance of evil is the Scriptural command. No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven. While intoxicating beverages are abroad in the land, we, as God's people, should endeavor to our utmost ability to suppress it out of existence among us. Members of our churches who indulge in the same should be speedily reproved. If they fail to hear reproof, their churches should at once withdraw fellowship from them. How many homes have been made desolate? How many mothers and wives have been heart-broken and left to the cold charities of the world? How many children have been made orphans from the fell-destroyer, intemperance, and left a waif upon society to grow up in ignorance and vice? Let us all use our influence to banish it from among us with the evils thereof.

Respectfully submitted,
D. W. MCGUGAN.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Soon after our appointment by the Association we met and recommended to the State Convention Board the appointment of Rev. J. G. Fisher to take charge of the Rockfish field. He was appointed and has preached at Rockfish church during the past year, and has succeeded in raising $—— of his salary of $100.00

Your committee would call the attention of the Association to the four villages, viz.: Beaver Creek, Bluff, Hope Mills No. 1 and Hope Mills No. 2, believing the appointee should divide his time among them. This was the understanding of the committee when Bro. Fisher was appointed.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. S. FISHER, Chairman.

OBITUARIES.

We find, since our last meeting, there have been twenty-one deaths in our bounds--about one half as many as were reported last year. Among these are some notable characters: Bro. Carrol, of the White Lake church, aged 98 years. Rev. J. M. Beasley, of the Mount Pisgah church, who was for many years Moderator of this body, an earnest worker, and in our midst a Christian hero, has fallen. Also Bro. Nathan Hall, of Mount Pisgah church.

Respectfully submitted,
L. BRYAN.
J. G. FISHER.

ORPHANAGE.

Ten years ago an orphanage would have been considered an impossibility. Now it is a certainty, and stands with Wake Forest as a Baptist institution. Surely God cares for the orphans. But, while lands have been bought and houses erected, its future depends upon the contributions of its friends. How much will the Cedar Creek Association give towards its support?

Respectfully submitted,
Z. B. NEWTON.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. D. MELVIN, Treasurer, *in account with Cedar Creek Association*

1888.		
Oct. 19.	To am't from Finance Committee for Baptist Orphanage....	$ 12 15
" "	" " " " " " State Missions........	88 99
" "	" " " " " " Foreign Missions.....	47 83
" "	" " " " " " Home Missions.......	1 70
" "	" " " " " " Minute Fund.........	26 90
		$177 57

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount paid Orphanage..................................	$ 12 15
" " " State Missions..................................	88 99
" " " Foreign Missions..................................	47 83
" " " Home Missions..................................	1 70
Printing Minutes..................................	16 00
Express charges..................................	25
Postage..................................	85
Clerk's Fees..................................	9 80
	177 57

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. MELVIN, Treasurer.

We have examined the above account and find it correct.
G. P. SUTTON,
V. B. HAIR,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Orphanage.	Education.	Total.
Cedar Creek	$ 2 45	$ 5 50	$ 6 95	$......	$ 8 15	$ 5 00	$ 28 05
Judson	1 50	6 80	50	......	40	......	9 20
Lebanon	2 00	5 00	3 31	......	2 05	......	12 36
Manchester	1 25	2 00	2 00	......	......	5 00	10 25
Rocky Mount	......	2 00	......	......	......	5 00	7 00
Cedar Falls	1 00	......	......	......	......	50	1 50
Cumberland Union	2 90	12 65	......	......	......	......	15 55
Mount Pisgah	1 25	6 20	1 60	1 75	1 60	......	12 40
Rockfish	80	......	2 90	......	2 90	......	6 60
Beaver Dam	1 00	2 50	2 50	......	1 00	......	7 00
Sharon	1 15	2 75	31	......	......	......	4 21
Corinth	1 12	......	......	......	......	......	1 12
Smith's Chapel	1 00	1 15	......	......	......	......	2 15
Cypress Creek	1 05	4 50	......	......	......	......	5 55
Brier Branch	1 10	25	75	......	......	......	2 10
White Oak	2 50	10 00	2 50	......	2 50	......	17 50
White Lake	50	1 25	3 05	......	......	......	4 80
Kate's Chapel	1 00	1 00	1 00	......	......	......	3 00
Shiloh	80	5 00	2 02	22	......	......	8 04
Bladen Union	......	3 25	5 00	......	......	......	8 25
Mount Olive	......	50	50	50	50	......	2 00
Green Springs	1 00	12 00	9 00	1 00	5 00	5 00	33 00
Great Marsh	1 60	5 00	5 30	......	......	2 00	13 90
Cape Fear	1 00	2 00	......	......	......	......	3 00
Peter's Creek	1 00	......	......	......	......	......	1 00
	$28 97	$97 27	$49 50	$ 3 97	$24 10	$22 50	$196 03

H. JONES,
R. M. TOLAR,
Committee.

We have examined the above and find it correct.

G. P. SUTTON,
V B. HAIR,
Auditing Committee.

FUNDS AS REPORTED BY CHURCH LETTERS.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Home Missions.	Other Objects.	Church Expenses.	Education.	Minute Fuund.	Total.
Cedar Creek....	$ 78 00	$ 5 50	$ 6 95	$ 8 15	$....	$10 25	$......	$ 5 00	$ 2 45	$ 116 30
Judson..........	....	6 80	50	40	.....	......	....	......	1 50	7 70
Lebanon	75 00	5 00	3 31	2 05	.....	......	5 36	......	2 00	92 72
Manchester	65 00	2 00	2 00	10 00	.....	6 50	3 00	5 00	1 25	94 75
Cedar Falls.....	....	......	......	......	.....	50	....	......	1 00	1 50
Cumberl'd Union	150 00	5 00	5 00	......	.....	2 65	5 00	......	2 90	170 55
Mount Pisgah...	....	6 20	1 60	1 60	1 75	......	....	......	1 25	12 40
Rockfish	50 00	......	2 90	2 90	.....	......	75 00	......	80	131 60
Beaver Dam.....	50 00	2 50	2 50	1 00	.....	......	....	......	1 00	57 00
Sharon	....	2 75	31	......	.....	......	....	......	1 15	3 21
Mt. Pleasant....	....	......	......	......	.....	......	....	......	1 12	1 12
Cypress Creek...	....	4 50	......	......	.....	2 49	....	......	1 05	8 04
Brier Branch....	....	25	75	......	.....	......	....	......	1 10	3 10
White Oak......	100 00	10 00	2 50	2 50	.....	......	....	......	2 50	128 31
Shiloh..........	45 00	5 00	2 02	......	22	......	....	......	80	48 05
Bladen Union...	....	3 25	5 00	......	.....	10 00	75 00	......	......	93 25
Green Springs...	66 00	12 00	9 00	5 00	1 00	......	50 50	5 00	1 00	139 50
Great Marsh....	....	......	5 30	......	.....	......	....	......	1 60	6 90
Smith's Chapel..	....	1 15	......	......	.....	......	....	......	1 00	2 15
Mount Olive....	....	50	50	......	.....	50	....	......	......	2 00
Peter's Creek....	....	......	......	......	.....	......	6 00	......	1 00	61 00
White Lake.....	....	......	3 05	......	1 25	......	....	......	50	4 80
Kate's Chapel...	85 00	1 00	1 00	......	.....	......	....	......	1 00	88 00
Cape Fear.......	36 00	2 00	......	......	.....	......	....	......	1 00	39 00
	$800 00	$75 40	$59 19	$33 60	$4 22	$32 89	$219 86	$15 00	$28 47	$1,312 95

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptised.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Died.	Excluded.	Males.	Females.	Total Membership.	SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.					
										SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	Teachers.	Schools.	Volumes and papers.	Verses Memorized.	School Expenses.
Cedar Creek,	13	3	3	5	1	3	84	156	240	G. F. Wheeler, Cedar Creek, N. C	6	100		3000	
Judson	12	6	4	6			48	76	124	T. J. Haywood, Idaho, N. C					
Lebanon	8						45	70	115	T. E. Hall, Fayetteville, N. C	7	65	25		
Manchester				5	3		25	39	64	Z. T. Kivett, Manchester, N. C	4	26	54		5 25
Cedar Falls				1	1		12	22	34						
Cumberland Union	1	2	1	4			65	68	133	S. H. Johnson, Willis Creek, N. C	4	60			
Mount Pisgah	5	2	1	12	3	1	57	65	122	W. S. Fisher, Brunt. N. C	5	30	31		
Rockfish	3	21		1			20	42	62	M. Morgan, Hope Mills, N. C	16	125			
Beaver Dam		4		1		2	38	66	104	T. I. Bullard, Clay Fork, N. C	10	30	36		9 00
Sharon			1				24	31	55						
Mount Pleasant	2		1		2	1	22	27	49	C. M. Green, Maitland, N. C	5	26	40		
Cypress Creek				7	1	3	27	55	82	A. S. Smith, Cypress Creek, N. C	4	28	80		2 49
Brier Branch	9	1		4		3	42	85	127	A. L. Jones, Downingville, N. C	4	37	93	2814	
White Oak	1	1		3		2	77	135	212	C. Martin, Winnie, N. C	7	70	80		25 00
Shiloh	3			1	1	6	31	60	91	D. D. Salmon, Willis Creek, N. C	5				
Bladen Union	1	2	4	4		4	43	54	97	R. B. Humphrey, St. Paul's, N. C	8	72	80		10 00
Green Springs	5	4	1	3	2	2	50	79	129						
Great Marsh	12	8	5	5		3	95	106	201	A. Odam, St. Paul's, N. C	12	88	100		5 00
Smith's Chapel	6		1	4		1	61	69	130	Miss Alice Cashwell, Ingold, N. C	4	58	38		
Mount Olive	4				2		16	28	44						
Peter's Creek					1	2	18	20	38	F. P. Sessoms, Clay Fork, N. C	5	32	76	85	
White Lake	7	1	3		3	2	45	49	94	H. L. Peterson, Ham, N. C	2	24	196		
Kate's Chapel		2				4	23	17	40						
Cape Fear				4	2		16	37	53						
	92	57	24	68	22	39	984	1456	2440		108	871	929	5899	57 74

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.		CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	
Cedar Creek	J. G. Fisher	Roslin	N. C.	N. C. Thagard	Cedar Creek	N. C.
Judson	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek	"	A. J Bullard	Idaho	"
Lebanon	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store	"	R. J. Harrison	Fayetteville	"
Manchester	J. G. Fisher	Roslin	"	H. J. Kivett	Manchester	"
Cedar Falls.	James Vann	Fayetteville	"	Giles Ham	Fayetteville	"
Cumberland Union.	A. R. Pittman	Lumber Bridge	"	E. F. Jones	Cedar Creek	"
Mount Pisgah	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek	"	W. S. Fisher	Brunt	"
Rockfish	J. G. Fisher	Roslin	"	J. W. Fisher	Hope Mills	"
Beaver Dam.	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork	"	P. M Bullard	Clay Fork	"
Sharon	Wm. Brunt	Winnie	"	D. M. Beard	Clay Fork	"
Mount Pleasant	W. S. Melvin	Winnie	"	John Horn	Maitland	"
Cypress Creek				M. McK. Smith	Cypress Creek	"
Brier Branch.	C. E. Beard	Winnie	"	A. Downing	Downingville	"
White Oak	Wm. Brunt	Winnie	"	D. M. Melvin.	Winnie	"
Shiloh	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork	"	M. H. Sewell	Willis' Creek	"
Bladen Union	J. D. Clark	St. Paul's	"	A. H. Tolar	Alderman	"
Green Springs.	D. S Bullard.	Clay Fork	"	M Cashwell.	Roslin	"
Great Marsh.	E. D. Johnson	St. Paul's	"	G. H. Clark	St. Paul's	"
Smith's Chapel	W. S. Melvin.	Winnie	"	W. R. Carter	Ingold	"
Mount Olive.	Jos. Salmon	Bluff Mills	"	B. F. Kinlaw	Tar Heel	"
Peter's Creek.	W. S. Melvin	Winnie	"	F. Simmons	Clay Fork	"
White Lake	W. S. Melvin.	Winnie	"	W. H. Russ	Ham	"
Kate's Chapel	Wm. Brunt	Winnie	"	W. J. Melvin	Ham	"
Cape Fear.	A. R. Pittman	Lumber Bridge	"	Spurgeon Jones	Edonia	"

The next session of this Association will be held with the Church at Cumberland Union, Cumberland County, N. C., beginning Wednesday after the second Sunday in October, 1890.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Beaver Dam—P. P. Hall.
Brier Branch—M. Johnson.
Bladen Union—W. C. Riddle.
Beard's Chapel—
Cedar Creek—W. H. Melvin.
Cedar Falls—D. A. Buie.
Cumberland Union—D. K. Mints
Cypress Creek—A. S. Smith.
Cape Fear—J. P. Thomas.
Centre Road—G. M. Pate.
Green Springs—J. G. Fisher.
Great Marsh—R. D. Melvin.
Judson—L. McDaniel.
Kate's Chapel—L. Smith.
Lebanon—W. A. Beard.
Manchester—H. M. Howard.
Mt. Pisgah—C. D. Burke.
Mt. Pleasant—S. H. Melvin.
Mt. Gilead—W. H. Bruton.
Mt. Olive—
Peter's Creek—I. M. Smith.
Rocky Mount—Z. B. Newton.
Rockfish—J. W. Fisher.
Smith's Chapel—E. Rich.
Shiloh—W. H. Butler.
Suggs' Grove—J. D. Dew.
Sharon—S. Horne.
Union Springs—
White Oak—D. B. Melvin.
White Lake—R. P. Melvin.

MINISTERS.

Wm. Brunt,	Winnie,	N. C.
W. S. Melvin	"	"
E. D. Johnson,	St. Pauls,	"
J. D. Clark,	" "	"
J. G. Fisher,	Roslin,	"
C. E. Beard,		
W. C. West,	Fayetteville,	"
J. T. Townsend,	"	"
E. J. Edwards,	Cedar Creek,	"
D. S. Bullard,	Clay Fork,	"
L. Bryan,	Cypress Creek,	"

PROCEEDINGS.

The Cedar Creek Baptist Association met in its 33rd annual session with the Church at Cumberland Union, Wednesday, October 15th, 1890, at 11 o'clock.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. G. Fisher from John, 1st chap., 42nd verse: "And he brought him to Jesus."

Recess for forty-five minutes taken.

On re-assembling, the Moderator being absent, the body was called to order by R. D. Melvin, Clerk. Rev. E. J. Edwards was chosen Moderator *pro tem.*, who read 42nd Psalm. Prayer, Rev. W. B. Oliver leading.

Roll of Churches called. A majority being represented the Association was declared ready for business.

Appointed Z. B. Newton and P. P. Hall reading clerks.

Appointed H. M. Howard and J. M. Johnson Finance Committee.

Church letters called for, read, and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Beaver Dam—D. S. Bullard, H. Smith, P. P. Hall.
Brier Branch—M. Johnson, M. P. Cain, A. Downing.
Bladen Union—J. M. Blackburn, R. M. Tolar, J. E. Willis.
Beard's Chapel—A Norris, J. W. Long, R. Smith.
Cedar Creek—W. H. Melvin, G. W. Jackson, B. M. Smith.
Cedar Falls—D. A. Buie, G. Ham, W. W. Johnson.
Cumberland Union—A. Thagard, H. B. Dowing, G. W. Johnson.
Cypress Creek—L. Bryan, M. McK. Smith, G. W. Smith.
Cape Fear—J. Thames, J. B. Williams, J. P. Thames.
Centre Road—J. Pate, L. T. Hester, H. B. Humphrey.
Corinth—Not represented.
Green Springs—J. G. Fisher, R. N. Cashwell, S. Jones.
Great Marsh—J. M. Johnson, R. D. Melvin, G. H. Clarke.
Judson—J. Horn, L. D. Sessoms, A. J. Bullard.
Kates Chapel—G. P. Sutton, Lee Smith.
Lebanon—R. J. Beard, D. M. Devane, J. C. Beard.
Manchester—H. M. Howard, J. A. Howard, J. Beal.
Mt. Pisgah—E. J. Edwards, C. D. Burke, W. L. Nunalee.
Mt. Pleasant—Not represented.
Mt. Gilead—W. H. Bruton, J. M. Bruton.
Mt. Olive—.
Peter's Creek—A Simmons, I. M. Smith, J. D. Tatom.
Rocky Mount—D. K. Mints, Jr., Z. B. Newton.
Rockfish—C. S. Churchill, H. J. Bullard.
Smith's Chapel—H. Carter, Thomas Rich, Ed. Rich.

Shiloh—D. D. Salmon, M. B. Averitt, J. W. Bullard.
Sugg's Grove—S. R. Cain, J. W. Downing, J. D. Dew.
Sharon—
Union Springs—By Letter.
White Oak—D. B. Melvin, D. S. Tatom, O. Register.
White Lake—R. H. Marshburn, T. J. Lewis D. W. Thomas.

The term of the officers having expired, the Association went into election for officers for the ensuing year. W. L. Nunalee and J. B. Williams were appointed tellers. Rev. E. J. Edwards was elected Moderator, and R. D. Melvin re-elected Clerk and Treasurer.

An invitation was extended to new Churches wishing to connect with this body, when Mt. Gilead presented a letter from the Robeson Baptist Association, was received as a member of this body and names of delegates enrolled.

An invitation was extended to corresponding and visiting brethren: Elders W. B. Oliver and T. B. Newberry announced themselves as visitors from the Robeson Association, and J. B. Downing as messenger from the South River, with a package of Minutes of that Association, and all were welcomed to seats in this body.

Appointed Deacons of Cumberland Union Church to arrange preaching and a committee of vigilance.

Appointed J. G. Fisher and Z. B. Newton to name writers for next session.

Appointed R. M. Tolar and J. B. Williams a committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention.

Appointed D. S. Bullard and A. Thagard a committee to select Messengers to sister Associations.

Appointed Rev. W. B. Oliver to prepare a report on Sunday Schools, to be read to-morrow, which was made special order for 10 o'clock A. M.

Rev. J. G. Fisher stated that he would take subscriptions for the *Biblical Recorder*.

Adjourned to 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

Prayer, Rev. D. S. Bullard leading.

Benediction by the Moderator.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 16th.

The Association convened at the appointed hour.

Religious exercises conducted by Rev. C. E. Beard, who read 139th Psalm.

Churches not represented yesterday called.

The letters from Cypress Creek, Union Springs and Cedar Falls presented, read, and the delegates enrolled.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Renewed invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. None present.

Renewed invitation to Churches wishing to connect with this body. A letter from Beard's Chapel, a newly constituted Church, was presented, read, and the Church admitted to membership in this body. Delegates enrolled as follows: A. Norris, J. W. Long and R. Smith.

The hour for special order, report on Sunday Schools, having arrived, report was read by Rev. W. B. Oliver. Pending motion to adopt the session was addressed by Rev. W. B. Oliver, Rev. T. B. Newberry and Brother Z. B. Newton. Adopted. (See report.)

The Association was called off to hear the missionary sermon by Rev. E. J. Edwards, from John, 21st chapter, 17th verse: "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me?" after which a collection amounting to $17.06 was taken up for Associational Missions.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association gave way for a meeting of the Executive Board. The Board adjourned and the Association resumed business.

Leave of absence was granted Bro. T. S. Rich for balance of session.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. J. G. Fisher, when the Churches promised to try to raise the following amounts:

Lebanon,	$ 3 00	Rockfish,	$ 1 00
Manchester,	3 00	White Oak,	5 00
Rocky Mount,	2 00	Kates Chapel,	1 00
Cedar Falls,	2 00	Shiloh,	2 50
Cumberland Union,	5 00	Sugg's Grove,	1 00
Green Springs,	5 00		
		Total,	$30 50

Report on Intemperance was read by Rev. L. Bryan.

Report on Periodicals was read by N. C. Thagard.

Pending the motion to adopt, the body was addressed by Elders J. G. Fisher, D. A. Buie and Levi Bryan.

The delegates from Shiloh were allowed to correct their letter.

Agreed that the next session of this Association be held with the Church at Judson, Cumberland County, to begin on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1891, Rev. J. G. Fisher to preach the opening sermon at 11 o'clock A. M.; Rev. D. S. Bullard, Alternate; Rev. E. D. Johnson to preach the Missionary sermon on Friday at 11 o'clock; Rev. W. S. Melvin, Alternate.

Brethren G. H. Clark and D. A. Buie were granted leave of absence for balance of session.

The committee to select messengers to sister Associations reported as follows:

To South River—G. W. Jackson, H. B. Downing, E. J. Edwards.
To Cape Fear—J. B. Williams, W. S. Melvin, J. D. Clark.
To Robeson—R. D. Melvin, E. D. Johnson, N. Cashwell, J. G. Fisher.
To Eastern—D. S. Bullard, L. Bryan, Wm. Brunt.
To Little River—Z. B. Newton, H. M. Howard, J. G. Fisher.

Report on Baptist Orphanage read, after being addressed by Elders J. G. Fisher, L. Bryan and D. A. Buie. Report adopted. (See Appendix.)

The committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention reported as follows:

J. D. Clark, J. G. Fisher, E. J. Edwards, D. S. Bullard, D. M. Devane, R. D. Melvin, E. D. Johnson and Wm. Brunt.

Adopted.

Adjourned to 9:30 o'clock Friday morning.

Prayer, Rev. J. G. Fisher leading.

Benediction by Rev. W. S. Melvin.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 17th, 1890.

The Association met at the appointed hour. Religious exercises conducted by Dr. Durham. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Renewed invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren, when Rev. J. A. Spight, Associate Editor of *Biblical Recorder*, Dr. C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of Baptist State Convention, and J. H. Mills, of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, were welcomed to seats in the body.

Appointed Z. B. Newton and D. B. Melvin an Auditing Committee.

Report on State Missions read by Dr. Durham, who addressed the body, showing up the work done by the convention. Report adopted.

A committee, consisting of J. G. Fisher, Z. B. Newton, H. B. Downing, Henry Jones and E. J. Edwards, were appointed to apportion among the churches amounts for State Missions so as to raise $200, who madethe following report:

Cedar Creek,	$12 00	Manchester,	$ 6 00
Judson,	8 00	Cypress Creek,	7 00
Cedar Falls,	2 00	Brier Branch,	5 00
Cumberland Union,	27 00	White Oak,	15 00
Mount Pisgah,	10 00	Shiloh,	5 00
Rockfish,	2 00	Bladen Union,	5 00
Beaver Dam,	8 00	Green Springs,	16 00
Sharon,	3 00	Great Marsh,	20 00
Mt. Pleasant,	2 00	Peter's Creek,	2 00
Smith's Chapel,	5 00	White Lake,	8 00
Mt. Olive,	2 00	Cape Fear,	5 00
Kate's Chapel,	4 00	Union Springs,	1 00
Rocky Mount,	3 00	Centre Road,	3 00
Corinth.	1 00	Beard's Chapel,	2 00
Mt. Gilead,	5 00		
Lebanon,	6 00	Total,	$200 00

The reports on Periodicals and Baptist Orphanage having been read yesterday, Brethren J. A. Speight and J. H. Mills not present, they were allowed time to address the body in the interest of the *Recorder* and the Baptist Orphanage, which they did to the edification of those present. A collection amounting to $13.26 was taken, which amount was paid over to Brother Mills.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

By request of Treasurer the amounts in hand of Finance Committee for State, Foreign and Home Missions, also Education, were paid over to Dr. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of Convention.

The report on Home Missions was read by Rev. E. J. Edwards. After remarks by Dr. Durham and Rev. J. A. Speight, it was adopted.

The committe to name writers on different subjects for next session made the following report:

Orphanage. Rev. C. E. Beard.
Periodicals, N. C. Thagard.
Bible Schools, Rev. W. B. Oliver.
Education, Rev. L. Bryan.
State Missions, Rev. W. S. Melvin.
Ministerial Support, R. H. Marshburn.
Home Missions, Rev. E. J. Edwards.
Intemperance, Rev. William Brunt.
Foreign Missions, Rev. E. D. Johnson.
Prayer Meetings, Rev. J. D. Clark.
Obituaries, D. K. Mints.

Report on Ministerial Support was read by J. H. Mills, who addressed the Association. Report adopted.

H. B. Downing read the report on Education. The Churches named pledged the amounts named: Rocky Mount, $3.00; Green Springs, $5.00; Cumberland Union, $5.00.

The Treasurer read his annual report. Referred.

Finance Committee reported. Referred.

Auditing Committee made their report, which was received.

Rev. J. G. Fisher offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to brethren, sisters and friends of this neighborhood for their kind hospitality during this session of the Association.

Hymn "Blest be the tie that binds," was sang.

Prayer, Rev. J. A. Speight leading.

Benediction by Dr. Durham.

Thus closed a pleasant and harmonious session.

E. J. EDWARDS, Moderator.

R. D. MELVIN, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

STATE MISSIONS.

All efforts to give the Gospel to the destitute sections and neighborhoods, whether done independently by the individual, under appointment of an associational committee, or our Board of Missions of the Baptist Convention, is properly called State Missions. For more than one hundred years, under some of these former, this work has been carried on by the Baptist people of this State. Our Baptist fathers laid the foundation wisely and successfully. As we aid this work, we help every other department of our denominational work. It is specially foundation work. Let us press it more vigorously than ever before. The number of Missionaries this year is 97, and the number of Colporteurs 15. This is the largest number ever under appointment of our Board. These brethren have been greatly blessed in their work this year. In the next ten years we ought to plant a Baptist Church in every destitute neighborhood in North Carolina.

In view of this great work, every Association ought to undertake to secure a larger amount for State Missions next year than ever before. Therefore,

Resolved, *1st*, That we try to secure for State Missions from the Churches of this Association during the next year two hundred dollars.

Resolved 2nd, That a committee of five be appointed to apportion the above amount among the Churches and ask them to try to secure the amount asked of them.

COMMITTEE.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our obligations to give the Gospel to the the heathen is so apparent from the teaching of God's Word that none dare doubt its being our duty. We understand that God intends for his Son to have the heathen for an inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for an everlasting possession. It is through the efforts of His people that this is to be done and the Saviour's command obeyed. So let us hasten to the long prayed-for time when the Kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ, by enlarged contributions, accompanied by our earnest prayers to God to bless all of our work at home and abroad.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. FISHER.

HOME MISSIONS.

Brethren, the Home Mission Board has done a good work in our own beloved land, also in Cuba, yet there is room for more work and need of money to carry it on. Let us come up to the help of the thousands that are asking for the truth. COMMITTEE.

EDUCATION.

Education is indeed a great and good thing. Every person should be educated well enough to be able to discharge the duties of this life successfully, and more especially to discharge successfully the duties he owes to his maker

Respectfully submitted, H. B. DOWNING.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In the years not long gone by Baptist Churches sadly underestimated the value and importance of the young people. They even practically ignored their claim to christian experience in restricting church membership to adults. This was an exaggerated though natural result of the bitter antagonism to that wretched doctrine of infant membership—an evil much more potent and threatening then than now. With increasing light upon the meaning of Scripture and consequent abatement of zeal as to the error mentioned there has come a radical change in the policy of our Churches, and now the young people are rightly regarded as the strength of the present and hope for the future. Each meeting brings into our churches numbers of children and young people, so that in many places they are in a majority. Upon the training which they have received depend the character and efficiency of our churches. Where shall they receive that training? Where become rooted and grounded in those blessed truths which are at once our strength and our glory? Where shall they become panoplied in that full armor of doctrine—essential to their faithfulness to the Word and their success as Baptists? Only in the Sunday Schools can the great work of indoctrinating be done. Let every Church, as it values its future and prizes its principles, see to it that there is a live Sunday School operated for the benefit of its members and those who may become members. Its importance is too great to be slighted.

Baptists are separate from all other people, and hence should be closely united within themselves. As a means of unifying and encouraging our Schools, and furthering the cause, we recommend a cordial and hearty endorsement of the Cedar Creek Sunday School Association and a fraternal consideration of all the requests they bring before us. And we especially recommend that the Executive Board of this Association be authorized and instructed to act in conjunction with the Board of the Sunday School Association in securing a Colporteur and Sunday School Missionary to act in the bounds of this Association—on such terms as seem well to them—provided that no debt shall be incurred by this Association.

WILL. B. OLIVER, for Committee.

PERIODICALS.

The circulation of religious literature is one of the greatest needs of the Baptists of North Carolina, especially such as are published in defence of Baptist principles. We most earnestly urge the wider spread of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, the expounder of the principles held sacred by us. It aids us in understanding the Word of God, and prompts us to greater efferts for the extension of Christ's Kingdom on the earth. It tells us of what is being done for the glory of God, and stimulates its readers to greater efforts in the Master's Vineyard. Your committee would also recommend *Kind Words* for our Sunday Schools, and *Charity and Children*.

Respectfully submitted, N. C. THAGARD.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The laborer is worthy of his hire. The men who love and pray for our souls have temporal wants which it is our duty to supply. This should be done promptly, regularly and liberally. If the brethren and sisters will study Galatians, 6th chapter and 6th verse, they will learn how to feed their pastors. J. H. MILLS.

THE ORPHANAGE

The Thomasville Orphanage, though founded only a few years ago by the Baptists of North Carolina, has proven the most successful enterprise ever undertaken by them, and truly nothing more grand could have been undertaken by us. It surely deserves the success with which it has been blessed. Then let us go forward in the good work we have begun, and which God has so signally blessed, and not only endorse, but support it with our prayers and our means. Respectfully submitted, THEO. PADGETT.

INTEMPERANCE

Against intemperance there is no law. Abstain from every appearance of evil, is the scriptural command. No drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. While intoxicating beverages are abroad in the land, we, as God's people, should endeavor, to our utmost ability, to suppress it out of existence among us. Members of our churches who indulge in the same should be speedily reproved, and if they fail to hear reproof, their Churches should at once withdraw fellowship from them. How many homes have been made desolate? How many mothers and wives have been heartbroken and left to the cold charities of the world? How many children have been made orphans from the fell-destroyer, intemperance, and left a waif upon society, to grow up in ignorance and vice? Let us all use our influence to banish it from among us with the evils thereof. Respectfully, L. BRYAN.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Board has held four meetings this year: First at Green Springs, second at Rockfish, third at Cedar Creek, and last at the Association. The Board has had employed for six months Rev. W. C. West, who has supplied one station, for which the Board paid him twenty-five dollars. The Board feels encouraged at the work of Bro. West at Bluff Mills, and, with the help of the Sunday School Association, hope for a glorious work the next year. There are several Churches that demand the attention of the Board.

Respectfully, R. D. MELVIN, Sec'y.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions	Orphanage.	Education.	Associational Missions.	Superannuated.	Total.
Beaver Dam	1 00	......	......	......	......	......	......	.....	1 00
Bladen Union	1 30	5 00	5 00	......	......	4 70	......	...	16 00
Brier Branch	1 10	......	1 15	1 00	......	.....	.....	.....	3 25
Cedar Creek	1 72	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	......	......	...	16 72
Cedar Falls	50	....	......	......	.....	......	2 75	....	3 25
Cape Fear	50	2 30	2 30	......	......	......	....	...	5 10
Cumbl'd Union	1 40	5 00	5 00	......	6 60	5 00	....	2 25	25 25
Green Springs	1 35	16 50	10 00	5 00	7 00	5 00	.....	.....	44 85
Great Marsh	1 10	5 00	5 90	5 00	.....	2 50	....	.....	19 50
Judson	.....	1 50	4 85	3 65	1 43	....	......	....	11 43
Kate's Chapel	1 00	1 00	.....	......	1 00	1 00	......	.....	4 00
Lebanon	2 00	5 00	.....	2 08	......	....	......	.....	9 08
Manchester	1 00	3 00	3 00	...	3 00	5 00	....	...	15 00
Mt. Pisgah	1 10	1 10	3 25	1 25	1 00	......	....	.....	7 70
Mt. Gilead	1 00	1 00	3 30	50	2 25	25	.....	....	8 30
Peter's Creek	1 00	15	.....	2 00	......	......	......	....	3 15
Rocky Mount	60	2 00	......	2 00	...	5 00	.....	...	9 60
Rockfish	80	......	....	.	......	75	......	.....	1 55
Smith's Chapel	1 00	......	......	*2 00	...	......	......	....	3 00
Shiloh	70	......	1 21	*5 00	1 21	......	......	....	8 12
Sugg's Grove	1 00	1 16	1 16	......	......	.....	.....	....	3 32
Union Springs	30	....	.....	......	......	......	......	...	30
White Oak	2 00	8 50	......	......	....	......	......	....	10 50
White Lake	1 00	1 30	1 50	75	1 30	......	......	.....	5 85
Cypress Creek	1 25	3 48	.....	......	.....	.....	......	....	4 73
	$25 72	$66 74	$51 37	$33 98	$28 54	$29 55	$2 75	$2 25	$240 55

*Pledge.

Respecfully Submitted,

H. M. HOWARD, } Finance Committee.
J. M. JOHNSON, }

Examined and approved.

Z. B. NEWTON, } Auditors.
D. B. MELVIN, }

FUNDS AS REPORTED BY CHURCH LETTERS.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. D. Melvin, Treasurer, *in account with Cedar Creek Association.*

1889.	
To amount from Finance Committee for Minute Fund	$ 28 97
" " " " " " State Missions	97 27
" " " " " " Foreign Missions	62 92
" " " " " " Home Missions	3 97
" " " " " " Orphanage and Collection	47 62
" " " " " " Education	22 50
" " " " " " Associational Missions	32 50
	$295 75

Disbursements.

By amount paid State Missions	$ 97 27
" " " Foreign Missions	62 92
" " " Home Missions	3 97
" " " Orphanage	47 62
" " " Education	22 50
Printing Minutes	17 50
Postage	1 47
Clerk	10 00
W. C. West	25 00
Balance on hand	7 50
	$295 75

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. Melvin, Treasurer.

We have examined the above and find it correct.

Z. B. Newton,
D. B. Melvin,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

FUNDS AS REPORTED BY CHURCH LETTERS.

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Orphanage.	Other Objects.	Church Expenses.	Education.	Pastor's Salary.	Total.
Brier Branch..	1 10	....	1 15	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	3 25
Beaver Dam...	1 00	....	....	....	....	3 00	....	....	50 00	54 00
Bladen Union.	1 20	5 00	5 00	....	....	..	.	4 70	...	20 04
Cedar Creek...	1 70	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	15 36	....	100 00	142 08
Cape Fear.....	50	2 30	2 30	....	4 00	....	....	....	36 00	54 10
Cumbl'd Union	1 40	5 00	5 00	....	5 00	1 60	5 00	5 00	150 00	178 00
Cypress Creek	1 25	3 48	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	4 73
Cedar Falls...	50	....	....	....	....	2 75	...	....	.	....
Green Springs	1 35	16 50	10 00	5 00	7 00	....	2 70	5 00	72 00	119 50
Great Marsh ..	1 10	5 00	5 90	5 00	....	....	....	2 50	....	19 50
Judson	....	1 50	4 85	3 65	1 43	....	....	....	100 00	111 43
Kate's Chapel..	1 00	1 00	....	....	1 00	....	...	1 00	....	4 00
Lebanon......	2 00	5 00	2 08	....	....	....	10 40	....	75 00	94 40
Manchester ...	1 00	3 00	3 00	....	3 00	....	5 00	5 00	60 00	80 00
Mt. Pisgah....	1 00	1 10	3 25	1 25	1 00	....	....	....	...	7 00
Mt. Gilead ..	1 00	1 00	3 30	50	2 25	....	....	25	75 00	87 31
Peter's Creek..	1 00	15	....	2 00	....	....	....	....	26 00	29 15
Rockfish	80	....	....	....	....	....	....	1 27	60 00	62 07
Rocky Mount .	60	2 00	....	2 00	....	....	....	5 00	...	9 60
Shiloh........	70	....	1 21	....	1 21	....	....	....	45 00	48 12
Smith's Chapel	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Sugg's Grove..	1 00	1 16	1 16	....	....	....	....	....	....	3 32
Union Springs	30	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
White Oak....	2 00	8 50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10 50
White Lake...	1 00	1 85	2 55	75	3 30	2 00	18 00	3 35	125 00	147 60
	$25 50	$61 34	$53 70	$24 15	$34 09	$14 35	$48 46	$33 00	$917 00	$1,483 70

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptised.	By Letter	Restored.	Dismissed.	Died.	Excluded.	Males.	Females.	Total.	SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS. Superintendents and their Post Offices.		Teachers.	Pupils.	Volumes and Papers.	Verses Memorized	School Expenses.
Brier Branch			1	6	2	3	32	79	107	M. Johnson	Downingville, N. C.	4	16	90	142	
Beaver Dam	2	5				2	40	70	110	T. I. Bullard	Clay Fork, "	5	40	40		3 00
Bladen Union	4			5	2	3	42	64	106	R. M Tolar	Alderman, "	9	60	40		
Cedar Creek	7	5	1	6	4	6	76	156	232	J. K Anderson	Cedar Creek, "	13	78	162		3 36
Cape Fear		1		6			15	29	44	M. Hall	Sherwood, "	8	52	72		
Cumberland Union						2	53	71	116	A. J. Hall	Cedar Creek, "			110		
Cypress Creek	2	1	1	8	2		31	50	81	W. W. Johnson	Fayetteville, "	5	25			
Cedar Falls	3			7	2				23				58			
Centre Road		5		6	1		24	32	56							
Green Springs	8	3	2		3	1	54	88	142	J. F. Fisher	Roslin, "	4	13	10		
Great Marsh	9	5	2		2	3	105	110	215	W. S. Johnson	St. Paul's, "	11	93	110		6 00
Jackson Swamp			1	4			20	27	47							
Judson	3	1		5	1	1	46	71	117	L. D. Sessoms	Vander, "	4	51	25		
Kate's Chapel				2			22	16	38							
Lebanon	12			3	3	1	49	71	120	W. A. Beard	Fayetteville, "	6	83	23		
Manchester				1			25	38	63	S. J. Pendergrass	Manchester, "					
Mt. Pisgah		1		3	2		83	152	235	W. S. Fisher	Brunt, "	7	30			
Mt. Gilead	3	2			3		32	20	52							
Peter's Creek							20	19	39	A. Simmons	Floyd, "	7	35	32		1 50
Rockfish		2				6	16	39	55	C. S. Churchill	Hope Mills, "	7	30	36		
Rocky Mount				1		1	7	9	16							
Shiloh	3		2			4	31	63	94	D. D. Salmon	Willis' Creek, "					
Smith's Chapel							54	66	120							
White Oak	4			2	3	4	72	135	207	C. Martin	Winnie, "					
White Lake	3	8	7		2	1	51	82	133	R. H. Marshburn	Ham, "	4	30	162		1 00
	63	39	17	65	32	38	1,000	1,557	2,557			94	704	912		$ 4 86

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.		CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	
Brier Branch	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork	N. C.	D. C. Shaw	Downingville	N C.
Beaver Dam	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork	"	P. P. Hall	Clay Fork	"
Bladen Union	J. D. Clark	St. Paul's	"	W. C. Riddle	Edonia	"
Cedar Creek	J. G. Fisher	Roslin	"	N. C. Thagard	Cedar Creek	"
Cape Fear	A. R. Pittman	Alfred	"	J. B. Williams	Gray's Creek	"
Cumberland Union	A. R. Pittman	Alfred	"	E. F. Jones	Cedar Creek	"
Cypress Creek				R. M Smith	Cypress Creek	"
Cedar Falls	T. B. Newberry	Fayetteville	"	Giles Ham	Fayetteville	"
Centre Road	N. Mercer	Lumberton	"	G. M. Pait		
Green Springs	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork	"	J. F. Fisher	Roslin	"
Great Marsh	E. D. Johnson	St. Paul's	"	G. H. Clark	St. Paul's	"
Judson	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek	"	A. J. Bullard	Vander	"
Kate's Chapel	W. Brunt	Winnie	"	M. Henry Smith	Little Sugar Loaf	"
Lebanon	W. M. Page	Clement	"	R. J. Harrison	Fayetteville	"
Manchester	C. P. McGugan	Lumber Bridge	"	H. M. Howard	Manchester	"
Mt. Pisgah	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek	"	W. S. Fisher	Brunt	"
Mt Gilead	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek	"	J. R. Luther	Dial	"
Peter's Creek	W. S. Melvin	Winnie	"	Floyd Simmons	Floyd	"
Rockfish	J. G. Fisher	Roslin	"	J. W. Fisher	Hope Mills	"
Rocky Mount	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek	"	W. G. Wright	Fayetteville	"
Shiloh	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork	"	M. H. Sewell	Willis' Creek	"
Smith's Chapel	W. S. Melvin	Winnie	"	Wiley Cain.	Garland	"
Sugg's Grove	W. S. Melvin	Winnie	"	J. W. Downing	Winnie	"
White Oak	W. Brunt	Winnie	"	D. M. Melvin	Winnie	"
White Lake	R. C. Sandling	Harrell's Store	"	W. H. Russ	Ham	"

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Cedar Creek Baptist Association.

WHEREAS, God's people are commanded to strive together for the faith of the gospel, and whereas, in union there is greater strength and capacity for assisting in the promotion of Christ's Kingdom on earth, we, professed disciples of Christ, resolve to unite in an associated capacity on the following Constitution:

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Cedar Creek Baptist Association of North Carolina.

ART. 2. This body shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates.

ART. 3. In the selection of these delegates the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

ART 4. The delegates thus selected shall bear from their respective churches a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and the interest thereof.

ART. 5. The Association shall select out of their members annually a presiding officer, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and who shall receive a majority of all the votes cast to elect the same, and to continue in office until the time for the annual election.

ART. 6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to "law and testimony."

ART 7. This Association shall have a fund created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

ART. 8. A faithful record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session, which shall be printed and presented to each annual session.

ART. 9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint an Executive Committee, to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted, which committee shall be answerable for their official acts to the Association.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship toward any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve proper or Gospel order among their members. Nor towards any of her Churches and Ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt, but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote Gospel principles and order.

ART. 11. It shall be the province of the Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to a seat, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

ART. 12. *The annual session of this Association shall be on Thursday before the third Lord's day in October, at such places as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon preached, and also a Charity Sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

RULES OF ORDER

1. At each assembling for the transaction of business, the presiding officer (or in his absence the Secretary) shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a Chairman *pro tem.* shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, praise and prayer, either by him or some one on whom he may impose the duty,

2. The presiding officer shall, as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association, in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transacted. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking.

3. The names of the delegates shall be called each day of the session, previous to proceeding to business, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other which becometh those that reverence God, whose they are and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate or make remarks, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the presiding officer; shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

5. When a motion is made without a second it shall not receive attention, but if seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer, or, if in writing, shall be read by the Secretary before debate.

6. After a motion is stated by the presiding officer, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover previous to a discussion.

7. When a question is under debate no motion or proposition shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for reconsideration thereof during the session.

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*NOTE.—Article 12 is changed, and the Association meets Wednesday before the second Sunday in October.

9. When a subject is presented, and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration by a vote of the Association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association unless he has permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. These rules of order may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association by a vote of a majority of the delegates present.

The next session of this Association will be held with the Church at Judson, Cumberland County, about five miles east of Fayetteville, beginning Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1891.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Beaver Dam—P. P. Hall.
Brier Branch—M. Johnson.
Bladen Union—W. C. Riddle.
Beard's Chapel—
Cedar Creek—W. H. Melvin.
Cedar Falls—D. A. Buie.
Cumberland Union—D. K. Mints
Cypress Creek—A. S. Smith.
Cape Fear—J. P. Thomas.
Centre Road—G. M. Pate.
Green Springs—J. G. Fisher.
Great Marsh—R. D. Melvin.
Judson—L. McDaniel.
Kate's Chapel—L. Smith.
Lebanon—W. A. Beard.
Manchester—H. M. Howard.
Mt. Pisgah—C. D. Burke.
Mt. Pleasant—S. H. Melvin.
Mt. Gilead—W. H. Bruton.
Mt. Olive—
Peter's Creek—I. M. Smith.
Rocky Mount—Z. B. Newton.
Rockfish—H. J. Bullard.
Smith's Chapel—E. Rich.
Shiloh—W. H. Butler.
Sugg's Grove—J. D. Dew.
Sharon—S. Horne.
Union Springs—
White Oak—D. B. Melvin.
White Lake—R. P. Melvin.
Hope Mills—D. J. Cashwell.

MINISTERS.

Wm. Brunt,	Winnie.	N. C.
W. S. Melvin,	"	"
E. D. Johnson,	St. Paul's,	"
J. D. Clark,	" "	"
J. G. Fisher,	Roslin,	"
C. E. Beard,	Winnie,	"
W. C. West,	Fayetteville,	"
J. T. Townsend,	"	"
E. J. Edwards,	Cedar Creek,	"
D. S. Bullard,	Clay Fork,	"
L. Bryan,	Cypress Creek,	"

PROCEEDINGS.

The Cedar Creek Baptist Association met in its 34th annual session with the Church at Judson, Cumberland County, N. C., Wednesday, October 7th, 1891, at 11 o'clock.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. G. Fisher from Ephesians, 5th chap., 25th verse: "Even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it."

Recess for forty-five minutes taken.

On re-assembling, the Moderator being absent, the body was called to order by the Secretary, R. D. Melvin. Rev. D. S. Bullard was chosen Moderator *pro tem.* Prayer by Rev. T. B. Newberry.

Roll of Churches called. A majority being represented the Association was declared ready for business.

Appointed Sydney Willoughby and N. C. Thagard reading clerks.

Appointed H. B. Downing and H. M. Howard Finance Committee.

Church letters called for, read, and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Beaver Dam—D. S. Bullard, F. A. Horne, Samuel Vinson.
Brier Branch—M. Johnson, H. W. Cain, T. L. Jones.
Bladen Union—J. M. Blackburn, W. C. Riddle, D. Carrol.
Beard's Chapel—G. W. Long, C. B. Smith, J. P. Smith.
Cedar Creek—N. C. Thagard, C. J. Smith, C. A. Harris.
Cedar Falls—D. A. Buie, Giles Ham, W. W. Johnson.
Cumberland Union—S. H. Johnson, A. L. Hall, H. B. Downing.
Cypress Creek—M. McK. Smith, R. S. Smith, L. H. Smith.
Cape Fear—G. W. Memory, D. Evans, J. P. Thames.
Centre Road—By letter.
Corinth—Not represented.
Green Springs—D. A. McNeill, J. D. McFadyen, J. G. Fisher.
Great Marsh—S. Willoughby, R. D. Melvin, A. Odam.
Hope Mills—S. R. Raynor, D. W. Trogden, J. McLeod.
Judson—L. McDaniel, G. Horn, L. D. Sessoms.
Kate's Chapel—Not represented.
Lebanon—D. L. Beard, D. B. Coleman, D. M. Devane.
Manchester—H. M. Howard, J. A. Howard, I. J. Glover.
Mt. Pisgah—W. S. Fisher, G. F. Webster, H. Clarke.
Mt. Pleasant—Not represented.
Mt. Gilead—B. Hales, Irvin Hales.
Mt. Olive—Not represented.
Peter's Creek—A. Simmons, J. D. Tatom.
Rocky Mount—Not represented.
Rockfish—H. J. Bullard, B. F. Sykes, J. W. Fisher.
Smith's Chapel—By letter.
Shiloh—M. H. Seawell, J. Baker, J. Davis.
Sugg's Grove—J. D. Dew, W. B. Suggs, J. McK. Cain.
Sharon—F. P. Smith, R. W. Melvin, W. J. F. Beard.
Union Spring—Not represented.
White Oak—D. L. Melvin, D. S. Tatom, Owen Register.
White Lake—R. H. Marshburn, W. J. Melvin, H. L. Peterson.

The term of the officers having expired, the Association went into an election for officers for the ensuing year. Rev. D. S. Bullard was elected Moderator, and R. D. Melvin re-elected Clerk and Treasurer.

An invitation was given to churches wishing to connect themselves with this body. A letter from Hope Mills No. 2, asking for admission, was read. (This is a newly constituted church). The church was received as a member of this body. Delegates enrolled as follows: S. R. Raynor, D. W. Trogden and John McLeod.

An invitation was extended to corresponding and visiting brethren: Dr. W. B. Watson, of Wake Forest, announced himself as agent for the *Biblical Recorder*, Rev. T. B. Newberry, of the Robeson Association, as agent for the *N. C. Baptist*. Bro. W. J. Tolar, of the Robeson Association, Bro. J. B. Downing, Clerk of the South River Association, presented themselves and were cordially received.

Rev. J. G. Fisher announced he would take subscriptions for *Charity and Children*.

The deacons of Judson church were appointed a committee of vigilance and to arrange preaching services.

Appointed D. K. Mints and D. A. McNeill to name writers for next session.

Appointed Rev. J. G. Fisher and S. H. Johnson to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Appointed E. D. Johnson and M. McK. Smith to select messengers to sister Associations.

N. C. Thagard read the report on Periodicals. Pending the motion to adopt remarks were made by Dr. W. B. Watson, J. G. Fisher, D. A. Buie, T. B. Newberry.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

No christian denomination can make that progress and advancement at this day that the demands require without the aid of sound denominational literature, therefore we recommend the *Biblical Recorder*, the organ of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, *Our Home Field*, *Foreign Mission Journal*, and *Kind Words* for the use of Sunday Schools. *Charity and Children* is doing a great work for our Orphanage at Thomasville, and ought to visit every Baptist home in North Carolina. Believing that the *North Carolina Baptist* is filling a long felt need among our Baptist people, being a first-class religious journal, we recommend that each member of this Association exert themselves to place the *The North Carolina Baptist* in every home in the bounds of the Cedar Creek Association.

Respectfully submitted,

N. C. THAGARD.

Adjourned to 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning. Prayer by Rev. D. A. Buie. Benediction by E. D. Johnson.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 8th, 1891.

The Association convened at the appointed hour.

Religious exercises by the Moderator, who read 12th chap. of Acts, M. McK. Smith leading in prayer.

Churches not represented yesterday called. Letters from Peter's Creek and Smith's Chapel presented, read, and names of delegates enrolled.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Renewed invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren, when Elders W. R. Johnson and W. C. West announced themselves as visitors from the South River and P. N. Jones from the Eastern Association, and all were welcomed to seats.

M. McK. Smith was requested to prepare a report on Bible Schools, Isaac McGee on Orphanage, Sydney Willoughby on Ministerial Support, D. A. Buie on Home Missions, J. P. Thames on Intemperance.

The following report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. E. D. Johnson. Pending the motion to adopt remarks were made by J. G. Fisher, D. A. Buie and M. Johnson. Adopted:

Christ's last command to his people was to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," with the promise that he would be with them to the end of the world. We should try to obey as best we can. If we cannot go ourselves and preach to the heathen we can help with our means and prayers.

Submitted,
E. D. JOHNSON.

The Association was called off to hear the missionary sermon by Rev. E. D. Johnson from John 14th and 1st: "Let not your heart be troubled," &c., after which a collection for Associational Missions was taken amounting to $12.00.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association gave way for a meeting of the Executive Board. After the Board adjourned the Association resumed business.

Renewed invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. None present.

Churches not present this morning called. Letters from Judson and Sharon presented, read and delegates enrolled.

Leave of absence granted M. Johnson and W. B. Suggs for balance of session.

Report on Obituaries read by D. K Mints:

We beg leave to say that, by examination of letters, we find that twenty-four of our members have passed away since our last meeting to their immortal home. We hope our loss is their eternal gain. By this we are reminded that we too must shortly die.

D. K. MINTS.

The report on Bible Schools was read by M. McK. Smith. Pending motion to adopt remarks were made by D. A. Buie and W. S. Fisher. Adopted:

The subject of Bible Schools, or Sabbath Schools, has been so thoroughly discussed time and again, it leaves but little that your Committee can say. It is admitted by all to be, when properly conducted, a feeder of the church, and no live, active church can afford to neglect it. When we consider that it is where the youths of our land received their first lessons in religion and are taught the word of God, it should not only stimulate us to greater activity along this line, but should impress us with a deeper sense of our duty both as christians and parents.

M. McK. SMITH.

The committee to select delegates to Baptist State Convention made the following report: D. S. Bullard, E. J. Edwards, I. McGee, A. A. McCaskill, E. D. Johnson, D. M. Devane, H. B. Downing, N. C. Thagard, R. D. Melvin, Sydney Willoughby, J. D. Clark, W. S. Melvin, Wm. Brunt, C. E. Beard, Levi Bryan, J. T. Townsend and J. G. Fisher. Adopted.

The committee to name writers for next session made the following report. Adopted:

Orphanage, N. C. Thagard.
Periodicals, C. E. Beard.
Bible Schools, W. Brun.
State Missions, L. Bryan.
Home Missions, E. J. Edwards.
Foreign Missions, J. G. Fisher.
Ministerial Support, S. Willoughby.
Intemperance, A. A. McCaskill.
Prayer Meetings, J. D. Clark.
Obituaries, E. D. Johnson.
Education, W. S. Mevin.

Agreed, that the next session of this body be held with the church at White Oak, Bladen County, to begin on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1892. Rev. E. J. Johnson to preach the opening sermon on Wednesday at 11 o'clock a. m. Rev. J. G. Fisher to preach Missionary sermon on Thursday at 11 o'clock a. m.

Report on Foreign Missions resumed and the session was addressed by Dr. Watson.

The committee to select messengers to sister Associations reported as follows:

Robeson, E. D. Johnson, J. T. Fisher, R. D. Melvin.
South River, D S. Bullard, F. P. Smith.
Cape Fear, M. Johnson, H. L. Peterson.
Eastern, Wm. Brunt, L. Bryan.
Little River, Z. B. Newton, H. M. Howard, J. G. Fisher.

Report on Education read by Dr. Watson. Pending motion to adopt the session was addressed by Dr. Watson, Revs. T. B. Newberry, J. G. Fisher and Bro. I. McGee. Report adopted:

Knowledge is power, therefore the necessity of agencies to furnish this gift would urge the churches of this Association to foster and encourage the preaching of the gospel in all lands, the circulating the literature of our denomination, as well as the common school, the academy, and especially Wake Forest College.

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. WATSON.

After which the following pledges were made for the benefit of our young: Bro. A. L. Hall, Green Springs, $5; Cumberland Union, $25; White Lake, $5.

Rev. J. G. Fisher was appointed to write on State Missions, and the report to be made the special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Appointed S. Willoughby and S. H. Johnson an Auditing Committee.

Treasurer read his annual report, which was referred to Auditing Committee.

Leave of absence granted Bro. D. S. Tatom.

Adjourned to 9:30 o'clock Friday morning.

Prayer by Isaac McGee.

Benediction by Rev. J. G. Fisher.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 9th, 1891.

The Association met at the appointed hour.

Religious exercises conducted by Rev. J. G. Fisher.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Renewed invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. D. W. Williams from South River and C. G. Averitt from Cape Fear Associations announced themselves as visitors and were welcomed to seats in this body.

The report on Baptist Orphanage was read by Isaac McGee. Pending motion to adopt the body was addressed by D. W. Williams, M. McK. Smith, J. G. Fisher and Dr. Watson. Adopted:

Our Orphanage at Thomasville continues to increase in the number of orphans received and work, therefore there is more need for larger contributions. There are about 130 children to be fed and clothed by the Baptists of North Carolina. The present necessities commend them specially to our liberality; warm clothing, shoes, &c., will be greatly needed during the cold Winter months. We recommend *Charity and Children* as a means to help these orphans, which is only $1.00 per annum. Let the churches of Cedar Creek Association increase their contributions and pray the blessings of Heaven upon the Orphanage and its work.

Respectfully submitted,
ISAAC McGEE.

Report on State Missions read by Rev. J. G. Fisher. Pending the motion to adopt the Association was addressed by Rev. J. G. Fisher. Adopted:

It has been said that the State Mission work is the foundation of all other work, but in this department of our work we have been very slack. There are now over one hundred men under the appointment of the State Mission Board. We recommend that our churches raise the amounts asked for by our last Association for State Missions for the ensuing year.

Respectfully,
J. G. FISHER.

Report on Home Missions read by Rev. D. A. Buie· Adopted:

The Home Mission work is one of the most important before you, as it leads to the Foreign Mission work. We recommend that every church and every pastor do all they can to get up more and better interest in this great work.

D. A. BUIE.

The report on Ministerial Support was read by S. Willoughby. Pending a motion to adopt remarks were made by I. McGee, M. McK. Smith, R. D. Melvin, N. C. Thagard, S. Willoughby and H. M. Howard. Adopted:

This is a duty that is taught in the word of God, and one that is shamefully neglected by some of our churches. "The laborer is worthy of his hire," and when a preacher does his duty faithfully as a pastor his labor ought to be appreciated, and he should receive a liberal support from those he serves.

Respectfully submitted,
SYDNEY WILLOUGHBY.

Rev. E. J. Edwards was elected a delegate from this Association to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Clerk was granted leave to make up the report of the Executive Committee and insert same in Minutes.

The following resolution passed unanimously:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be extended to the brethren, sisters and friends of this entire community for the very liberal manner in which they have entertained the Association during its present session.

Ordered, that Clerk be allowed $10 for his services, the balance to be used in printing and distributing Minutes.

The Clerk was instructed to get up a form for church letters and have them printed, and supply clerks of churches, and leave out the Sunday School work, which work is reported in the Minutes of the Sunday School Association.

Finance and Auditing Committees submitted their reports, which were adopted.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the White Oak Church Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1892.

Hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung, and the brethren took an affectionate leave of each other.

Closing prayer by Rev. J. G. Fisher.

D. S. BULLARD, Moderator.

R. D. MELVIN, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We held our first meeting at White Oak November 28th. No work ordered. Our second meeting was held at Lebanon March 28th, 1891.

Rev. E. J. Edwards reported three days at Hope Mills No. 2, and Hope Mills No. 1 three days, for which he received $9.00.

Our third meeting was held at Cumberland Union May 29th, 1891. No reports made.

Our next and last meeting was held at Judson during the Association. Bro. Edwards reported two days and Bro. West six days, for which Bro. West was paid $12.00.

The result of this year's work has been the organization of a church at Hope Mills No 2 with twenty-two members. Our work, though limited, has not been in vain, as this church is now self-supporting.

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. MELVIN, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. D. MELVIN, Treasurer, *in account with Cedar Creek Association.*

1890.	
To balance on hand, Associational Missions	$ 7 50
" from Finance Committee for Minute Fund	25 72
" " " " " State Missions	66 74
" " " " " Foreign Missions	51 37
" " " " " Home Missions	33 98
" " " " " Orphanage	41 81
" " " " " Education	29 55
" " " " " All other sources	29 95
	$286 62

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount paid State Missions	$ 66 74
" " " Foreign Missions	51 37
" " " Home Missions	33 98
" " " Orphanage	41 81
" " " Education	29 55
" " " Printing Minutes	16 00
" " " Clerk	10 00
" " " Postage and Express	1 38
" " " E. J. Edwards	9 00
" " " W. C. West	12 00
" Balance on hand	14 79
	$286 62

R. D. MELVIN, Treasurer.

Your Committee have examined the above and find it correct.

S. WILLOUGHBY,
S. H. JOHNSON,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Education.	State Missions.	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Minute Fund.	Orphanage.	Home Missions.
Beaver Dam	......	2 08	......	2 08	62	......	......
Brier Branch	......	.....	......	1 00	1 00	......	......
Bladen Union	......	5 00	5 00	5 00	30	2 88	......
Beard's Chapel	......	2 00	......	.....	60	1 90	......
Cedar Creek	......	10 00	......	10 00	1 80	4 26	3 50
Cedar Falls	......	.....	......	......	1 00	......	......
Cumberland Union	5 00	27 00	......	......	1 60	......	......
Cypress Creek	......	2 75	......	......	1 35	......	......
Cape Fear	......	......	......	1 75	50	......	1 75
Centre Road	......	......	......	.....	50	......	......
Green Springs	2 00	13 50	......	4 00	1 35	1 74	5 00
Great Marsh	......	......	......	10 84	1 30	......	......
Judson	......	2 88	......	1 00	1 15	1 00	.....
Lebanon	5 00	6 00	......	4 40	2 00	5 00	5 00
Manchester	50	3 00	......	3 50	1 00	2 00	3 50
Mount Pisgah	......	6 04	......	1 03	55	10 81	1 79
Mount Gilead	......	......	......	1 75	1 05	2 00	1 00
Peter's Creek	......	2 00	......	......	1 30	......	......
Rockfish	......	.. ...	......	......	1 00	60	2 60
Smith's Chapel	......	......	......	......	65	......	......
Shiloh	......	5 00	......	1 15	60	......	......
Sugg's Grove	......	.....	....	2 15	70	....	50
Sharon	......	3 00	......	.. ..	82	25	......
White Oak	......	1 36	......	5 00	2 00	1 00	1 75
White Lake	......	5 25	......	2 88	1 40	2 85	1 62
Hope Mills	......	......	......	......	1 00	......	......
	$12 50	$96 86	$5 00	$57 53	$27 14	$36 29	$28 01

H. B. Downing,
H. M. Howard,
Finance Committee.

FUNDS AS REPORTED BY CHURCH LETTERS.

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions,	Home Missions.	Orphanage.	Education.	Church Expenses.	Sabbath Schools.	Poor and other objects	Pastors' Salaries.	Totals.	TIME MEETING.
Beaver Dam	62	2 08	2 08							100 00	104 68	
Bladen Union	30	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 88						18 18	4th Sunday and day before
Brier Branch	1 00		1 00								2 00	
Beard's Chapel	60	2 00			1 90					60 00	64 50	3rd Sabbath and day before
Cedar Creek	1 80	10 00	10 00	3 50	14 73			3 58	15 85	100 00	159 46	2nd “ “ “ “
Cedar Falls	1 00									36 00	37 00	
Cape Fear	50		1 75	1 75							4 00	4th Sabbath evening.
Cumberland Union	1 60	27 00	6 75			29 00			17 10	150 00	231 45	4th Sunday and day before
Centre Road	50										50	3rd “ “ “ “
Cypress Creek	1 35	2 75								60 00	64 10	
Green Springs	1 35	16 00	7 50	5 00	7 50	5 00	35 00		25 00	72 00	174 35	4th Sunday and day before
Great Marsh	1 30		19 32	5 55							26 17	3rd “ “ “ “
Judson	1 15	2 88	1 00		1 00						6 03	1st “ “ “ “
Lebanon	2 00	6 00	4 40	5 00	6 98	5 00		6 33	14 25	75 00	124 96	1st “ “ “ “
Manchester	1 00	3 00	3 50	3 50	2 00	50				50 00	63 50	1st “ “ “ “
Mount Pisgah	55	6 04	1 03	1 79	12 87		7 25				29 53	4th “ “ “ “
Mount Gilead	1 05		1 75	1 00	2 00					75 00	80 80	2nd “ “ “ “
Peter's Creek	1 30	2 00									3 30	2nd “ “ “ “
Rockfish	1 00			2 60	60						4 20	
Smith's Chapel	65										65	4th Sabbath and day before
Shiloh	60		1 15							45 00	46 75	1st “ “ “ “
Sugg's Grove	70		2 15	50				7 18			10 53	1st “ “ “ “
Sharon	82	3 00			25						4 07	4th “ “ “ “
White Oak	2 00	16 36	5 00	1 75	1 00				4 00	100 00	130 11	4th “ “ “ “
White Lake	1 40	5 25	2 88	1 62	2 85		100 00			125 00	239 00	4th “ “ “ “
Hope Mills	1 00											Newly organized.
	27 14	109 36	76 26	38 56	56 56	39 50	142 25	17 09	76 20	1,048 00	1,630 92	

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Baptised.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Died.	Excluded.	Males.	Females.	Total.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Papers.	Volumes in Library.	School Expenses.
Beaver Dam	3	1	1	1	..	2	39	71	110	....	....	....	....	....	....
Bladen Union	8	..	3	3	.	3	46	70	116	W. C. Riddle .... Edonia, N. C.	9	51	....	....	....
Brier Branch	..	..	..	2	2	2	30	73	103	H. W. Cain .... Downingville, "	....	22	4	....	....
Beard's Chapel	7	7	..	..	.	1	19	16	35	Arthur Norris	3	38	....	....	....
Cedar Creek	8	..	4		2	6	64	160	224	A. J. Guy .... Sherwood, "	8	70	90	....	3 58
Cumberland Union	4	..	2	7	1	5	61	71	132	A. L. Hall .... Cedar Creek, "	..	....	....	....	....
Cape Fear	..		..	..	1	..	15	30	45	Marshall Hall .... Sherwood, "	9	59	17	100	....
Cedar Falls	..	..	.	.	..	..	....	...	12	....	....	....	....	....	....
Centre Road	..	5	.	3	..	1	21	21	42	....	8	64	....	....	....
Cypress Creek	5	1	5	5	2	3	29	51	80	....	6	53	....	75	....
Green Springs	4	..		.	2	6	52	87	139	....	....	....	....	....	....
Great Marsh	26	9	3	3	1	..	120	122	242	W. S. Johnson .... St. Paul's, "	12	77	37	75	4 61
Hope Mills	..	..	.	..	1	..	....	34	34	....	....	....	....	....	....
Judson	..	2	2	..	1	8	41	70	111	....	....	....	....	....	....
Lebanon	11	1	1	6	.	1	50	73	123	W. A. Guy .... Fayetteville, "	14	80	....	25	6 33
Manchester	1	1	..	3	..	..	25	37	62	J. W. King .... Manchester, "	..	....	....	....	....
Mount Pisgah	3	4	..	6	..	1	54	73	127	W. S. Fisher .... Brunt, "	7	80	....	40	7 25
Mount Gilead	1	2	..	..	1	..	31	23	54	....	....	....	....	....	....
Peter's Creek	4	2	1	..	..	1	22	23	45	F. P. Sessoms .... Floyd, "	4	40	....	45	....
Rockfish	..	..	.	2	2	3	11	35	46	D. C. Rogers .... Hope Mills, "	7	35	....	....	....
Smith's Chapel	1	..	1	16	2	2	40	53	93	....	....	....	....	....	....
Shiloh	8	..	1	..	1	.	38	56	94	D. D. Salmon .... Willis' Creek, "	....	....	....	....	....
Sugg's Grove	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	28	38	R. M. Sikes .... Ellis, "	5	47	....	74	7 18
Sharon	2	..	..	..	1	1	26	33	59	....	....	....	....	....	....
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White Lake	..	3	2	..	2	1	45	62	107	R. H. Marshburn .... Ham, "	4	32	....	66	....
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CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Beaver Dam	Wm. Brunt	Winnie N. C.	P. P. Hall	Clay Fork N. C.
Brier Branch	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork "	D. C. Shaw	Downingville "
Bladen Union	J. D. Clark	St. Paul's "	W. C. Riddle	Edonia "
Beard's Chapel	C. E. Beard	Winnie "	Richard Smith	
Cedar Creek	J. G. Fisher	Roslin "	N. C. Thagard	Cedar Creek "
Cumberland Union	A. R. Pittman	Alfred "	E. F. Jones	" " "
Cape Fear	A. R. Pittman	Alfred "	J. B. Williams	Gray's Creek "
Cedar Falls	W. C. West	Fayetteville "	Giles Ham	Fayetteville "
Centre Road	P. C. Caines	Brompton "	M. Pait	Brompton "
Cypress Creek	W. S. Melvin	Winnie "	R. M. Smith	Cypress Creek "
Green Springs	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork "	J. F. Fisher	Roslin "
Great Marsh	E. D. Johnson	St. Paul's "	S. Willoughby	St. Paul's "
Judson	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek "	A. J. Bullard	Vander "
Lebanon	J. G. Fisher	Roslin "	R. J. Harrison	Fayetteville "
Manchester	C. P. McGugan	Lumber Bridge "	H. J. Kivett	Manchester "
Mount Pisgah	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek "	W. S. Fisher	Brunt "
Mount Gilead	E. J. Edwards	" " "	J. R. Luther	Dial "
Peter's Creek	W. S. Melvin	Winnie "	F. Simmons	Floyd "
Rockfish			J. W. Fisher	Hope Mills "
Smith's Chapel	W. S. Melvin	Winnie "	Wiley Cain	Garland "
Shiloh	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork "	M. H. Sewell	Willis' Creek "
Sugg's Grove	W. S. Melvin	Winnie "	R. M. Sikes	Ellis "
Sharon	C. E. Beard	Winnie "	R. O. Beard	Cedar Creek "
White Oak	W. Brunt	Winnie "	D. M. Melvin	Winnie "
White Lake	R. C. Sandling	Harrel's Store "	W. H. Russ	Ham "
Hope Mills	W. C. West	Fayetteville "	D. J. Cashwell	Hope Mills "

The next session of this Association will be held with the Church at White Oak, beginning Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1892.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Thirty-Fifth Annual Session

—OF THE—

CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH THE—

Church at White Oak,

BLADEN COUNTY, N. C.,

OCTOBER 12th, 13th, 14th, 1892.

J. G. FISHER, Moderator, - - - - - Roslin, N. C.
R. D. MELVIN, Clerk and Treasurer, - Lumber Bridge, N. C.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Beaver Dam—P. P. Hall.
Bladen Union—W.C.Riddle.
Cedar Creek—B. M. Smith.
Cedar Falls—D A. Buie.
Cumberland Union—D. K. Mints.
Cape Fear—J. P. Thames.
Green Springs—J. G. Fisher.
Great Marsh—R. D. Melvin.
Judson—Love McDaniel.
Lebanon—W. A. Beard.
Mount Pisgah—C. D. Burk.
Mt. Pleasant—L. H. Melvin.
Mt. Gilead—W. H. Bruton.
Peter's Creek—I. M. Smith.
Rocky Mount—Z. B. Newton.
Rockfish—H. J. Bullard.
Shiloh—W. H. Butler.
Sharon—S. Horne.
Hope Mills—D. J. Cashwell.
Manchester—H. M. Howard.

MINISTERS.

E. D. Johnson, - - - -	St. Pauls.	N. C.
J. D. Clark, - - - -	" "	"
J. G. Fisher, - - - -	Roslin,	"
E. J. Edwards, - - - -	Cedar Creek,	"
D. S. Bullard, - - - -	Roseboro,	"
J. T. Townsend, - - - -	Faytteville	"

The next Session of this Association will be held with the Church at Great Marsh, Robeson County, North Carolina, beginning on Wednesday before the Third Sunday in October, 1893.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Cedar Creek Baptist Association, met in its 35th annual session with the Church at White Oak, Bladen County, N. C., October, 12th. 1892, at 11 o'clock.

The introductory sermon was preached by Dr. W. B. Harrell, from Acts. 19 chap., 23rd verse: "And the same time there arose no small stir about that way."

Recess for refreshments taken for 45 minutes.

On re-assembling, the Moderator being absent, the Association was called to order by the Clerk, R. D. Melvin, and Rev. Wm Brunt. was chosen Moderator *pro tem.* Prayer, Rev. W. S. Melvin, leading.

Roll of Churches called. A majority being represented the Association was declared ready for business.

Appointed Sydney Willoughby and J. W. Downing, reading clerks.

R. H. Marshburn. and D. M. Devane, were appointed a committee on Finance,

Church letters called for, read, and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Beaver Dam—D. S. Bullard, J. J. Bullard, H. Smith.
Brier Branch—J. W. Downing, T. Cain, A. B. McDuffie.
Bladen Union—A. H. Tolar, J. Q. Beard, W. C. Riddle.
Beard's Chapel—A. Norris, C. D. Barns, G. W. Long.
Cedar Creek—J. P. West, B. M. Smith, R. G. Jackson.
Cedar Falls—Not represented.
Cumberland Union—H. B. Downing, I. McGee, S. H. Johnson.
Cypress Creek—S. Peterson, M. McK. Smith, A. S. Smith.
Cape Fear—J. P. Thames, D. Evans, W. H. Marsh.
Centre Road—L. T. Hester, J. H. Briston, Chas Pait.
Corinth—Not represented.
Green Springs—J. G. Fisher, W. S. Bramble, J. A. Cashwell.
Great Marsh—R. D. Melvin. W. S. Johnson, Syd. Willoughby.
Hope Mills—Jas Salmon, D. J. Cashwell, J. S. Lockwood.
Judson—G. Horn, J. Sessoms, C. E. McDaniel.
Kate's Chapel—W. J. Sutton, Robert Lee, Lee Smith.
Lebanon—D. L. Beard, D. B. Coleman, D. M. Devane.
Manchester—Not represented.
Mt. Pisgah—W. L. Nunallee, W. B. Coats, T. A. Hall.
Mt. Pleasant—By letter.
Mt. Gilead—By letter.
Mt. Olive—Not represented.
Peter's Creek—A. Simmons, H. Melvin, A. J. Simmnos.
Rocky Mt—Not represented,
Rockfish—H. J. Bullard, W. McD. Buie, J. H. Biggs.
Smith's Chapel—H. Carlton, Ed. Rich, Wiley Cain.
Shiloh—W. H. Butler, J. W. Bullard, J. L. Cain.
Sugg's Grove—R. Suggs, W. B. Suggs, J. D. Dew.
Sharon—J. C. Beard, F. P. Smith, J. B. Davis.
Union Springs—Not represented.
White Oak—D. B. Melvin, D. M. Melvin, D. S. Tatum.
White Lake—R. P. Melvin, H. L. Peterson, R. H. Marshburn.

The term of the officers having expired, the Association went into an election for officers for the ensuing year. Rev. J. G. Fisher was elected Moderator, and R. D. Melvin re-elected Clerk and Treasurer.

An invitation was given to corresponding and visiting brethren, when Dr. W. B. Harrell and Revs. W. C. West from the South River, J. D, Clark from the Cape Fear and John Prevatt from the Robeson Associations presented themselves and were welcomed to seats in the body.

The Deacons and male members of White Oak Church were appointed a vigilance committee and the Deacons to arrange preaching services.

H. B. Downing, J. P. Thames and B. M. Smith were appointed a committee to name writers for next session.

Appointed I. McGee, C. E. Beard and W. L. Melvin to select delegates to Baptist State Convention.

Appointed, D. L. Beard, and S. H. Johnson, a committee as State messengers to Sister associations.

An invitation was extended to churches wishing to connect themselves with this Association—none present.

Corresponding messengers called on to report: Rev. J. G. Fisher, reported having attended the Robeson Association and was cordially received.

The following brethren were appointed to report at this session: Dr. W. B. Harrell, State Missions, Isaac McGee, Home Missions, H. Jones Foreign Missions; H. B. Downing, Intemperance; J. D. Clark, Orphanage; D. M. Melvin, Prayer Meettings; W. C. West, W. S. Melvin, Obituaries;

The Association then spent a few moments in special prayer for our aged and beloved afflicted brother Rev. E. D. Johnson, Rev. W. C. West, Leading.

The report on Periodicals was read by Rev. C. E. Beard, pending the motion to adopt, remarks were made by Dr. Harrell, Isaac McGee. C. E. Beard, H. B. Downing, J. D. Clark, and the Moderator.—adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Biblical Recorder the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina is a strong progressive wide-awake religious paper, and is worthy of our most hearty support, this paper ought to be in every Baptist family in our Association. Also The North Carolina Baptist, is an excellent family paper. Charity and Chiidren, and Home Field, should be in the houses of our people.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. Beard.

Adjourned to 9:30 o'olock Thursday morning. Prayer by Rev. J. Prevatt. Benediction by Rev. J. D. Clark.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 13th, 1892.

The Association convened at the appointed hour.

Religious exercises conducted by Rev. John Prevatt, who read 84th Psalm.

Minutes of yesterday corrected and approved.

Churches not represented yesterday called. Letters from White Oak, Judson, Centre Road, Rockfish, Hope Mills, Beaver Dam, presented, read and names of delegates enrolled.

Renewed invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren, when J. B. Downing Clerk of the South River Association with a package of minutes of that Association, and J. C. Caddell, agent and Corresponding Editor of The Biblical Recorder presented themselves and were welcomed to seats in this body.

Agreed to dispense with Missionary Sermon for 11:00 o'clock to-day.

Report on Ministerial Support read by Sydney Willoughby, pending motion to adopt, the body was addressed by S. Willoghby, J. C. Caddell, D. J. Clark, C. E. Beard, Dr. Harrell and the Moderator. Report adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The true Minister is a servant of God, and God is the Father of our Savior, and our Savior was a Minister when he was on Earth. Christians thought it a great privilege and a duty to give Him part of what the Father had given them. Brethren, if you will read the ninth chapter of Second Corinthians you will find that Ministers ought to be supported. Your Committee believes in the Minister hewing to the line, let the chips fall where they may. Let him preach the whole truth! Let him hold up Christ by precept and example. Let him stir up the people to a bountiful giving, as a sowing of seed, which shall return a great increase to them, then true Christian's will love him and by God's help will not allow him to be in need.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Willoughby.

Bro. Caddell, not being present when the report on Periodicals was read, was given time to present the claims of the Bibical Recorder to the Association.

The report on Thomasville Orphanage was read by Rev. J. D. Clark, pending motion to adopt, the Association was addressed by Rev. J. D. Clark and Rev. E. J, Edwards of the Orphanage. Adopted.

OUR ORPHANAGE.

The greatest and most benevolent work that can engage the the hearts and minds of the Baptists of North Carolina to-day. and one that calls forth their love and liberal contributions, is The Thomasville Orphanage under the kind care and Management of our brother J. H. Mills. This loved work we all have upon us. In considering the claims of the fartherless and motherless ones, among our people, we may, by the help of the Lord, aid in the blessed and most glorious cause of providing for those who cannot provide for themselves. We therefore trust, that open hands and hearts and open purses, will gladden our waiting souls to-day, "Blessed is he that considereth the poor" saith the sacred writ, and may the Spirit of God move us to act. We also recommend Charity and Children, a weekly paper published at the Orphanage.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. D. CLARK.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The report on State Missions was read by Dr. Harrell, pending the motion to adopt, the body was addressed by Dr. Harrell, and J. C. Caddell, and the Moderator.

STATE MISSIONS.

The Subject of missions is one that every Christian who has the light of truth to shine on the path must hold dear to his heart, especially since we are assured by the whole tenor of the word of God that the Missionary spirit, is indeed the spirit of Christ, and that word further declares that "If any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his" —Rom. 8-9. We therfore conclude that the work called "mission work" is approved of God, and is the very life and prosperity of all true gospel churches. Our State Missions is carried on with zeal and earnestness in various parts of our beloved state. The number of brethren now employed by the Board at Raleigh, and who are at many destitute points in our borders, and are faithfully laboring in the cause of the Master, holding forth the word of life, are about one hnndred, and their labors should be rewarded by liberal contributions for their support, by the Cedar Creek Association. Shall we disregard the appeals for help now being made by these dear brethren, through our State Board; we trust not, but hope that every heart and hand will be open and ready to do whatsoever the Lord may call upon us to do in the matter of sustaining the wok of State Missions among our people.

Respectfully surbmitted,
W. B. Harrell.

The delegates agreed to try to raise the following amounts. Brier Branch—$5.00. Lebanon—$5.00. Cedar Creek—$10.00. Mt. Pisgah—$5.00. Cumberland Union—$10.00. Peter's Creek—$2.00. Cape Fear—$5.00. Rockfish—$5.00. Green Springs—$10.00. Shiloh —$5.00. Great Marsh—$5.00. Judson—$5.00. Total $74.00.

A Collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to $2,95 which was paid over to Bro. Edwards.

At the request of the Treasurer it was ordered that the Finance Committee pay over to Bro. Edwards the amount in their hands for the Orphanage which was paid over, —$13.56.

The report on Home Missions was read by Isaac McGee pending the Motion to adopt, remarks were made by Issac McGee. Report adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention embraces the work in the Southern States and some North-west Territory. It is through this agency that we propose to give the gospel to the destitute throughout this vast region. There are the negroes who must have the gospel or they will grow up in ignorance and superstition and become a curse instead of a blessing to our country. The Indians on the western plains, who as a people will soon become extinct, must have the truth of the gospel or they will pass away in their sins, and who will be responsible? Then we have a continual influx of Foreign immigration many of them from lands where the name of Jesus is not known. It also embraces the work in Cuba, where Diaz the modern Paul is doing a work unequaled by any one, since the days of the Apostles.

Let us increase our prayers and contributions to this work, that God's name may be glorified in the Salvation of these people.

Submitted,

Isaac McGee.

The committee to state messengers to Sister Associations made the following report:

Robeson, R. D. Melvin, J. G. Fisher, H. B. Downing. South River, N. C. Thagard, J. G, Fisher, W. L. Nunallee. Cape Fear, W. S. Melvin, M. Johnson, R. P. Melvin.

The committee to name writers for next session made the following report viz:

Orphanage, E. J, Edwards,
Periodicals, J. G. Fisher
Bible Schools, Wm. Brunt.
State Missions, W. S. Melvin.
Foreign Missions, S. Willoughby.
Ministerial Support, I. McGee.
Intemperance, N. C. Thagard.
Prayer Meetings, D. M. Melvin.
Obituaries, S. H. Johnson.
Education, Z. B. Newton.
Aged Ministers, J. D. Clark.

The committee to select delegates to Baptist State Convention reports as follows: W. S. Melvin, H. B. Downing, J. G. Fisher, E. J. Edwards, R, D. Melvin, N. C. Thagard, D. M. Melvin, I. McGee, D. L. Beard and J. D. Clark.

Leave of absence granted to Brethren Burns and Norris for balance of Session; letters from Cypress Creek and Bladen Union presented read, and names of delegates enrolled.

Letters were granted the following named churches to join the Bladen Association: Brier Branch, Beard's Chapel, Cypress Creek, Centre Road, Kate's Chapel, Smith's Chapel, Sugg's Grove, White Oak and White Lake.

Report on Foreign Missions read by Henry Jones. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Dr. Harrell and Isaac McGee. Report adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

How dear the name shoud be to Missionary Baptists when we think of Judson, Cary, Yates and many others who sacrificed all that could be enjoyed in a Christian land, and suffered all that is meant by heathenism, to obey our blessed Savior. Great command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature, Lo, I am with you alway, even to the End."

Submitted,
H. Jones.

OBITUARIES.

The Committee on obituaries, read the following report:

We beg leave to say that we find on examination of church letters and other sources, that thirty-four of our members have passed away by death, since our last meeting. We hope our loss is their eternal gain.

Submitted,
W. S. Melvin, } Com.
W C. West, }

Report on Bible, read by Rev. J. Prevatt, pending motion, to adopt, remarks were made by Revs. J. Prevatt W. C. West, and Dr. Harrell.

BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Knowledge is power, therefore we are instructed by Solomon to get wisdom, Our Saviour taught on the Sabbath day! Sabbath Schools are admitted by all to be feeders of the church, and in which the young minds are trained and brought to Christ,therefore, we urge the necessity of every church having a living Sunday School.

Submitted,
John Prevatt.

Adjourned to Friday morning, 9,30 o'clock. Prayer, Dr. Harrell, leading. Benediction by Rev. W. C. West.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 14th. 1892.

The Association met at the appointod hour. Religious services conducted by the Moderator, who read 100th Psalm.

The Association then gave way for a meeting of the Executive Board. The old Board was appointed for the ensuing year. Rev. J. G. Fisher was elected Chairman, and R. D. Melvin, Secretary and Treasurer and agreed to hold the next meeting at Green Springs, the 5th Sunday and day before in January, 1893. Association resumed business. Renewed invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. None present.

The report on education was read by Rev. W. S. Melvin. Speeches limited to ten minutes, pending the motion to adopt, the body was addressed by Rev. W. Brunt, Dr. Harrell and the Moderator. Report adopted.

EDUCATION.

Knowledge is power, therefore the necessity of agencies to furnish this gift. We would urge the churches of this Association to foster and encourage the preaching of the gospel in all lands, the circulating of literature of our denomination as well as the common schools, the academies and especially Wake Forest College.

Submitted,

W. S. Melvin.

Appointed Sydney Willoughby and. H. B. Downing an auditing committee. The report on intemperance was read by H. B. Downing, pending the motion to adopt, remarks were made by W. Brunt, I. McGee, R. D. Melvin, J. B. Downing, D. S. Tatum and S. Willoughby. Adopted.

INTEMPERANCE.

Is the great question that should penetrate the hearts and minds of all christian people in the whole civilized world, for God plainly says: "No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven." Thus it becomes our duty, as God's children to endeavor to remove the temptation from the rising generation. We must know the liquor traffic is the greatest curse to humanity in existence. The intoxicating beverage as it is now called, is the worst obstacle that gets in the path of every human, from the king on his throne, to the beggar by the road side. It causes the infant to be left fatherless and often friendless, cast upon the mercies of a cold and careless world. It robs the young people of that confidence in each other that promotes happiness; it destroys the peace of the once happy home and brings the gray hairs of the Christian father and mother to an early grave in sorrow; it is the destroyer of peace and prosperity in this, our noble land and country; it enters the very heart of our institutions, and like a viper, strikes the brightest jewels and drags them down from their exalted position by degrees to the lowest and most degraded sloughs of despondency and finally sends their souls to a drunkard's hell; it is the prime cause of all the financial trouble and depression in the business and political world and while our good people sleep quietly the great destroyer, alcohol (for it is all the same curse to the people from the cider, beer or wine barrel to the large whiskey distilleries of the West), is gaining ground and will destroy the last vestige of peace and prosperity in this, our boasted land of religious liberty. After all that has or can be said, we fail to give the subject justice. So brethren, let us go to work and destroy the great enemy of souls.

Submitted,
H. B. Downing

The following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, By the Cedar Creek Baptist Association at its session held at White Oak, Bladen county, that the county commissioners of Cumberland county, be requested, urged and petitioned not to grant liquor license to any one to retail or sell liquors of any kind in Cumberland county.

Resolved 2nd, That if said commissioners should continue to grant license to any one to sell wine, cider, beer or any kind of liquors, that we, as a body, will refuse to support with our votes for any legislative place, one who favors the liquor license.

Resolved 3rd, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the county commissioners of said county.

Collection for Foreign Missions, $7.78.

Agreed to hold next session of this Association with the church at Great Marsh, Robeson county, commencing Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1893, Rev. J. G. Fisher to preach the opening sermon on Wednesday at 11 o'clock, A. M. Rev. D. L. Bullard, Alternate; Rev. W. S. Melvin to preach the Missionary sermon on Thursday at 11 o'clock, A. M., Rev. W. B. Oliver, Alternate.

Agreed to allow Clerk $10 for his services.

Report on prayer meetings read by D. M. Melvin and adopted.

PRAYER MEETINGS.

We are taught by precept and example to assemble ourselves together for prayer and religious instruction. There is no better place for developing and cultivating the talent in young Christians than in the prayer meeting. Yet we are sad to say that many of our churches neglect this blessed privilege and become weak and sickly, many fall away. Let us awake from our lethargy and utilize this power.

Submitted,
D. M. Melvin.

The following resolution was unanimously passed, That the thanks of this body be heartily extended to the brethren, sisters and friends of this entire neighborhood for the very liberal manner in which they have entertained this body during its present session.

Finance and Auditing Committee submitted their reports. Received. The Association joined in, singing hymn 1065, "For a season called to part, &c." Closing prayer by Rev. W. S. Melvin. Benediction by Rev. C. E. Beard.

J. G. FISHER,
MODERATOR.

R. D. MELVIN,
CLERK.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. D. MELVIN, Treasurer, in account with Cedar Creek Association.
1891

To balance on hand, - - - -	$	14 79
" amount from Finance Committee, Educative, - - -		12 50
" " " " State Missions, - - -		96 86
" " " " Foreign Missions, - - -		57 53
" " " " Home Missions, - -		28 01
" " " " Orphanage, - - - -		36 29
" " " " Minute fund, - - -		27 14
" " " " Collection at Association - -		12 00
" " " " Brier Branch for For. Miss. -		50
" " " " Brier Branch for Asso. Miss;		50 50
" " " " Judson church for Asso. Miss.		1 50
" " " " Brier Branch Ch. for Asso. Miss.		50
" " " " Cape Fear, Home Miss., - - -		1 51
" " " " Coll Cumb'ld Un., For Miss.		3 31
		$292,94

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount pd. J. D. Boushall, Treasurer.	
" " " " For Education - - -	12 50
" " " " State Missions, - - - - -	96 86
" " " " Foreign Missions - - -	57 53
" " " " Home Missions, - - -	28 01
" " " " Orphanage, - - -	36 29
" " " " Express on above - - -	1 00
" " " " Printing Minutes, - -	15 50
" " " " 100 church letters, - -	1 00
" " " " Expr, and postage on same -	1 55
" " " " Clerk's fees, - - -	10 00
" " " " J.D.Boushall Brier Branch -	50
" " " " Cape Fear, for Home Miss.	1 51
Coll. Cumb'ld Union. - -	3 31
J.G.Fisher 1 day Rockfish -	1 50
Balance on hand - -	25 88
	$ 292.94

Respectfully Submitted,
R. D. MELVIN,
Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.
S. WILLOUGHBY,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

CHURCHES.	State Missions	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Church Expenses.	Minute Fund.	Pastors' Salary.	Havana House	Other Objects.	Ministers' Aid Fund.
Beaver Dam ..	$ 1 14	$ 1 14	$.....	$....	$.....	$	$ 45	$60 00	$.....	$ .. .	$.....
Brier Branch..	1 00	1 00	......	....	15	....	90	......	.....	......	......
Bladen Union	3 72	7 80	.....	.....	*96	.....	1 00	....	*2 00	.....	......
Beard's Chapel	1 00	1 00	....	. ..	.....	...	60	60 00	.....	.....	......
Cedar Creek ..	5 00	5 00	3 60	......	1 38	13 00	1 40	100 00	......	25 26	.....
Cumb. Union .	....	2 25	2 25	......	...	....	1 50	150 00	....	......	......
Cape Fear .. .	1 00	1 00	......	......	....	.....	70	. . ..	.....	......	......
Center Road ..	......	90	......	....	......	....		50 00	......	......	......
Green Springs	5 00	5 30	5 00	....	50	....	1 40	72 00	......	.....	.....
Great Marsh	5 00	4 00	4 00	......	1 50	.....	1 05	......	.	6 00	......
Hope Mills ...	......	....	......	......	..	.. ...	1 00	......	......	.....	......
Judson	....	30	1 70	. .	1 08	....	1 10	......	......	......	. ..
Lebanon	5 52	5 50	5 50	5 50	5 50	16 60	2 00	75 00	....	......	*2 44
Mount Pisgah.	...	......	....	......	1 45	.....	70	....	. ...	......	......
Mount Giliad .	......	3 10	......	......	......	....	75	....	......	......	......
Peter's Creek.	95	.....	......	....	......	20 00	1 00	50 00	......	.....	......
Rockfish	......	.....	....	......	......	....	1 10	....	......	......	......
Smith's Chap'l	.....	1 15	......	.....	.....	......	1 00	......	......	......	......
Sugg's Grove..	......	65	5	......	.....	......	20	......	......	......	......
Shiloh	1 05	1 50	....	......	......	......	50	..	.....	......	.....
Sharon	4 36	......	......	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.. ..	.....
White Oak	4 15	3 00	......	......	25	...	1 50	....	.....	.. ..	......
White Lake..	3 00	...	......	......	1 75	12 00	30	125 00	....	......	......
Total.......	$41 89	$44 60	$22 10	$5 50	$13 56	$61 60	$20 15	742 00	$2 00	$31 26	$2 44

*Forwarded.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. MARSHBURN,
D M. DEVANE,

Examined and found correct.
S. WILLOUGHBY.
Auditing Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Baptised.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	No. Males.	No. Females.	Total.
Beaver Damn	6	..	..	1	3	3	38	72	110
Bladen Union	3	7	5	..	2	..	53	67	120
Beard's Chapel	6	4	3	..	5	..	22	18	40
Brier Branch	11	2	4	3	3	..	35	50	85
Cedar Creek	25	6	7	2	4	4	78	177	255
Cape Fear	7	..	2	..	3	2	16	28	44
Cumberland Union	8	..	1	3	4	2	58	76	134
Centre Road	12	1	..	1	..	2	42	46	88
Green Springs	8	2	1	2	4	1	51	88	139
Great Marsh	4	2	2	13	6	3	119	119	238
Hope Mills	10	12	..	7	..	1	21	27	48
Judson	3	1	1	5	..	1	41	66	107
Lebanon	11	2	2	3	..	1	59	82	141
Mount Pisgah	5	5	1	5	1	..	61	74	135
Mount Gilead	1	1	..	..	..	..	24	23	47
Mount Pleasant	5	..	..	..	..	1	14	19	33
Peter's Creek	4	1	..	1	1	1	24	26	50
Rockfish	13	9	..	1	1	..	27	39	66
Shiloh	4	..	1	..	..	2	40	59	99
Sugg's Grove	2	2	1	2	1	1	11	20	31
Sharon	1	2	..	..	7	..	21	32	53
Smith's Chapel	8	1	2	2	..	1	42	52	94
White Oak	7	..	1	2	5	3	63	124	187
White Lake	15	9	8	..	3	2	61	79	140
Total	179	73	42	43	53	31	1021	1463	2494

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Beaver Dam	C. E. Beard	Ellis N. C.	Irvin Melvin	Clay Fork N. C.
Bladen Union	W. A. Humphrey	Orrum “	W. C. Riddle	Edonia “
Beard's Cahpel	C. E. Beard	Ellis “	Richard Smith	Cypress Creek “
Brier Branch	C. E. Beard	Ellis “	D. C. Shaw	Ammon “
Cedar Creek	J. G. Fisher	Roslin “	W. D. Smith	Cedar Creek “
Cape Fear	R. A. Moore	Red Springs “	J. P. Thames	Sherwood “
Cumberland Union	A. R. Pitman	Reunert “	E. F. Jones	Cedar Creek “
Centre Road	G. C. Cains	Orton “	M. Pait	Brompton “
Cypress Creek	W. S. Melvin	Winnie “	L. H. Cain	Cypress Creek “
Green Springs	D. S. Bullard	Reseboro “	J. D. McFadgen	Edonia “
Great Marsh	E. D. Johnson	St. Pauls “	S. Willoughby	St. Pauls “
Hope Mills	W. C. West	Fayetteville “	D. J. Cashwell	Hope Mills “
Judson	W. R. Johnson	Cedar Creek “	C. D. Averitt	Idaho “
Kate's Chapel	W. S. Melvin	Winnie “	R. Lee	Little Sugar Loaf “
Lebanon	J. G. Fisher	Roslin “	R. J. Harrison	Fayetteville “
Mount Pisgah			W. S. Fisher	Brunt “
Mount Gilead			J. R. Luther	Dial “
Mount Pleasant	Jas. Rogers	Parkersburg “	W. C. Melvin	Parkersburg “
Peter's Creek	John Prevatt	Moss Neck “	A. Simmons	Floyd “
Rockfish	W. C. West	Fayetteville “	W. O. Biggs	Hope Mills “
Shiloh	E. D. Johnson	St. Pauls “	M. H. Sewell	Willis Creek “
Sugg's Grove	W. S. Welvin	Winnie “	R. M. Sikes	Ellis “
Sharon	C. E. Beard	Winnie “	T. S. Davis	Cedar Creek “
Smith's Chapel	W. S. Melvin	Winnie “	Wiley Cain	Garland “
White Oak	Wm. Brunt	Winnie “	D. M. Melvin	Winnie “
White Lake	R. C. Sandling	Harrell's Store “	R. H. Marshburn	Ham “

FUNDS AS REPOTED BY CHURCH LETTERS.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Orphanage	Church Expenses.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Poor and other Objects.	Minister's Aid.	Havana House.	Total.
Beaver Dam	1 14	1 14						45	60 00				62 73
Bladen Union	2 12	9 27	8 34	1 24	96			1 00	100 00	1 73		2 00	126 66
Beard's Chapel	1 00	1 00						40	60 00				62 40
Brier Branch	1 00	1 00			15			90	55 55				58 60
Cedar Creek	5 00	5 00	3 60		1 38	13 00		1 40	100 00	25 26			154 64
Cape Fear	3 00	3 10	1 51					75	87 00				95 36
Cumberland Union		8 06	5 56					1 50	150 00	3 80	1 27		178 19
Centre Road		90							50 00				50 90
Green Springs	5 00	5 30	5 00		50		A. L. Hall 5 50	1 40	72 00				94 72
Great Marsh	5 00	10 00	10 05		1 50			1 05					27 60
Hope Mills								1 00					1 00
Judson		30	1 70		1 08			1 00					4 18
Lebanon	5 52	5 50	5 .0	5 50	5 50			2 00	75 00				121 26
Mt. Pisgah					1 45			70					2 15
Mt. Gilead		3 10						75					3 85
Peter's Creek	95					20 00		1 00	50 00				71 95
Rockfish								1 00					1 00
Shiloh	1 05	1 50						50					3 05
Sugg's Grove		65	5					20	30 00				30 90
Sharon	4 37					3 75	8 50	1 50	60 00				78 11
Smith's Chapel		1 15						1 00					2 15
White Oak	4 15	3 00			25			1 50					8 80
White Lake	3 00				1 75		50	30					4 55
Total	42 29	59 97	41 31	6 74	14 52	36 75	14 50	21 30	749 55	30 79	1 27	2 00	1236 90

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CLERK AND TREASURER:

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EXECUTIVE BOARD:

R. D. Melvin	Rennert, N. C.
A. A. McCaskill	Fayetteville, "
H. M. Howard	Manchester, "
Z. B. Newton	Hope Mills, "
D. A. McNeill	Roslin, "
N. C. Thagard	Cedar Creek, "
Henry Jones	Willis' Creek, "

LIST OF MINISTERS:

J. G. Fisher	Roslin, N. C.
E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek, "
D. L. Bullard	Roseboro, "
J. D. Clark	St. Paul's, "
J. T. Townsend	Fayetteville, "

NEXT MEETING.

The next session of this Association will be held with the church at Shiloh, Bladen County, beginning on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1894.

POCEEDINGS.

The Cedar Creek Baptist Association met, in its 36th Annual Session, with the church at Great Marsh, Robeson County, N. C., Wednesday, October 11th, 1893, at 11 o'clock.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Dr. W. B. Harrell, from Isaiah 12:3, "Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of Salvation."

Recess for forty-five minutes taken for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. G. Fisher. Religious services conducted by Bro. J. D. Larkins.

Roll of churches called. A large majority present. Appointed Syd. Willoughby and J. D. Clark reading clerks. Appointed Henry Jones and J. McD. Jessup a Finance Committee

Church Letters called for, and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Beaver Dam—Z. T. Simpson, F. J. Vinson, P W. Smith.
Bladen Union—J E. Willis, W. C. Riddle, R. E. Brisson
Cedar Creek--J McD. Jessup, G. F. Wheeler, W. D. Smith.
Cumberland Union—H. B. Downing, H. Jones, I McGee
Green Springs—J. F. Fisher, S. Jones, J. H Lancaster.
Great Marsh—B. D Melvin, W. S. Johnson, S. Willoughby.
Judson—A J. Hollingsworth, E. Downing, J. Sessoms.
Hope Mills—S R Raynor, M. H. Melvin, J. Crutchfield.
Lebanon—D. J. Smith, A A. McCaskill, D. M. Devane.
Love's Grove—W. McA. Monroe. J. Brisson.
Manchester—H. M. Howard, N. D. Clark, John Clarke.
Mt. Pleasant—By letter.
Mt. Pisgah—W. S. Fisher, W. H. Smith, M. H. Hall
Mt. Gilead—Tate Rackley, J. B. Bruton, J. T. Townsend.
Peter's Creek—A. Simmons, L Smith, C. D. Smith.
Rocky Mount—Z. B. Newton.
Rockfish—J. H. Biggs, E. W. Musselwhite, D. J. Cashwell.
Shiloh—A. Baker, J. S Cain, J. Davis.
Sharon—R. A McCullouch, L D. Melvin, H G. Davis.
Cape Fear H. Jones. F. A. Marsh, G. W. M mory.
Union Springs—Not represented.

On motion, the letters from Beaver Dam, Cape Fear, Lebanon and Shiloh having petitions for the next Session, was laid on the table.

The term of office of present officers having expired, went into election of officers.

On motion, the rule was suspended, and A. A. McCaskill was elected Moderator and R. D. Melvin re-elected Clerk and Treasurer by acclamation.

Preaching at stand by Rev. A. R. Pittman.

Gave an invitation to corresponding and visiting messengers, when Dr. W. B. Harrell, from the South River; J. W. Cobb, from the

Robeson, who stated he was acting Agent for the "North Carolina Baptist." S. J McLeod, from the Robeson, also Agent for the 'Biblical Recorder," Rev. A R. Pittman, Moderator of the Robeson Association, presented themselves and were welcomed to seats in this body. Rev. J. G. Fisher announced he would take subscriptions for "Charity and Children"

Appointed the male members of this church a vigilant committee.

Appointed the deacons of this church with Rev. J. D. Clark, a committee on religious exercises, and the following committees to report at this session:

Writers—I. McGee. D M. Devade, W. S Johnson.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention—J. G. Fisher, W. S Johnson

Messengers to sister Associations—S. Willoughby, A. J Hollingsworth, S. Jones

The report on Periodicals was read by Rev. J. G. Fisher, pending motion to adopt, the Association was addressed by J. W. Cobb, S. J. McLeod and J. G. Fisher.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Next to the Bible, as reading matter, we would recommend "The Biblical Recorder," "The North Carolina Baptist," "Charity and Children," "Foreign Mission Journal," to every Baptist family in the Association and everybody else.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. FISHER.

Isaac McGee read the report on Ministerial Support, and the body was addressed by Dr. Harrell, L. Willoughby, I. McGee, H M. Howard, W. L. Johnson, D. J Cashwell, A R. Pittman, J D. Clark.

Report adopted.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

It is very evident to any candid reader of the Bible, that the pastor is invested with authority by the Great Head of the Church to act as the spiritual guide of the churches over which he has been placed, to do the work successfully. It is necessary for him to exercise authority, so as to control to a great extent the public worship, the prayer meeting. the singing, in fact, all the work of the church. He should also have time to do a vast amount of pastoral visiting, among the sick, among the members of his flock, especially the poor. His opinion should have weight in matters of discipline, and the business features of church work. To enable him to do this the church must give him a liberal support. Not a mere pittance—given grudgingly as if he was an object of charity, but enough regularly and promptly paid to amply support himself and family with the necessaries of life.

Submitted.

ISAAC MCGEE.

Appointed the following to write and report at this Session:

State Missions, Dr. Harrell; Bible Schools, A. R. Pittman; Prayer meetings, H. B. Downing; Education, J. D. Larkins

A letter of dismission was granted Mt. Pleasant church, Sampson County, to join the Bladen Association.

The Association spent a few minutes in special prayer for our beloved and aged brother. W. C. West, Rev. A. R. Pittman leading.

Adjourned to 9:30 a. m., Thursday.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9:30

The Association convened at the appointed hour. Half-hour spent in praise service conducted by Rev J. D. Clark. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Churches not represented called; the letter from Manchester read and names of delegates enrolled. Rev. R. A. Moore was appointed to preach the Misssionary Sermon at 11 o'clock.

Renewed invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. Rev. R. A Moore, from the Robeson Association, presented himself, and was welcomed

W. S. Johnson read the report on Bible schools, pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Dr. Harrell, J D. Clark and J. T. Townsend.

REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg to report the following:

As faith comes by hearing, hearing by the word of God, and as faith worketh by love and perfects the heart, and the Scriptures are able to make us wise unto salvation, therefore it is of great importance that Bible schools be established in every church and neighborhood, that the whole human family may learn the truth that will make them free in Christ Jesus. We urge that there be Bible schools where all may work for the Master.

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. Johnson.

The committee to name writers for next session made the following report, which was adopted :

Orphanage	P. P. Hall
Periodicals	R. D Melvin
Bible Schools	W. D. Smith
State Missions	J G. Fisher
Foreign Missions	J. D. Clark
Ministerial support	G. M. D. Howard
Intemperance	D. M Devane
Prayer Meetings	J A. Cashwell
Education	W. Mints
Aged Ministers	H. M Howard

Ordered by the Association, that the Sunday-school work be resumed and done by the Association, and the report be made by the churches to the Association. Took a recess to hear the Missionary Sermon by Rev. R A. Moore, from Matt. 28:18-19, "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying: All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Ghost."

At the close of the sermon a collection was taken amounting to $7 20

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bro Z. B. Newton was recognized as a delegate from Rocky Mount church

Dr. W B. Harrell read the report on State Missions, and the Association was addressed by Dr. Harrell, J. G. Fisher, R, A. Moore, Z. B Newton and S. Willoughby. Report adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

The spread of the gospel in the bounds of our own State among our own people should be the aim and object of all Missionary Baptists. The truth, as held by us, we believe to be the word of God, and that world requires of us and all others that it be faithfully spoken, therefore the subject of State Missions lies near our hearts. There are many places yet unoccupied by our own State Missionaries and even in our own Association there are localities where the truth of God is not held forth for the acceptance of the people. The burden is upon us, as the Lord's servants, to carry the gospel into all such places, and thus obey the Divine command of our blessed Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. Many are held bound by unfavorable prejudices against us as Baptists, and against the plain commands of our Lord, because they have never heard those commands faithfully set forth before them; and they are hindered from obedience thereto The Word must be declared unto all men, and our duty is to see to it, that in our own bodies at least that Word shall be heard, in its purity and in faithfulness by all classes of hearers. Our State Board is diligently at work on this line, and we will, to the utmost of our ability, aid them in this work.

Respectfully submmitsed,
W. B. HARRELL.

Speeches limited to five minutes. Preaching at the stand to a congregation, by Dr W. B. Harrell.

Agreed to hold next session of this body with the church at Shiloh, Bladen County, N. C., beginning at 11 o'clock on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1894, Rev. J. D. Clark to preach the opening sermon.

The Committee to select delegates to Baptist State Convention made the following report, which was received: Elders J. D. Clark, J. T. Townsend. D. S. Bullard, J. G Fisher, and Bros. A. A. McCaskill, Z. B. Newton, H. B. Downing, I. McGee, H. M. Howard, W. S. Johnson, Herman Jones, Russell Cashwell, S. Willoughby and Tate Rackly.

J. D. Clark read the report on Aged Ministers, and, after remarks by Dr. Harrell, was adopted.

AGED MINISTERS.

We believe it is the duty of the churches to care for their wornout ministers. Many of whom have made great sacrifices to preach the Gospel, and when their services are no longer in demand, they are liable to suffer if not provided for by the churches. We have a Ministers' Relief fund, but I am sorry to say that the receipts for this fund are shamefully small, as is acknowledged in the "Biblical Recorder." "For the Scriptures sayeth, thou shat not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn, and the laborer is worthy of his reward," 1st Tim 5:18.

Respectfully submitted,
J. D. CLARK.

Article 9 of the Constitution stricken out and a new Article inserted. [See Constitution.]

Bro. D. W. McGougan was announced as a messenger from the Robeson Association, and welcomed to a seat in this body

Brethren I. McGee, W. S. Johnson and Z. B Newton, were appointed a committee to nominate an Executive Board.

Adjourned to Friday morning 9:30.

FRIDAY MORNING

The weather, inclement, raining and wind, which prevented the Clerk and many others from getting to the church. A majority being present, the Association was called to order and H. M. Howard requested to act as Clerk *pro tem.*

Churches not represeted yesterday, or new churches wishing to connect with this Association called, when a letter from the church at Love's Grove, Bladen County, was presented, read and received as a member of this body, and the names of delegates enrolled as follows: W. Mc. Monroe and J. H. Brisson, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Cedar Creek Association be, and are hereby, tendered to Mrs. W. J. Love, for a gift of a lot on which to build a house, and when Love's Grove church was organized and for kindly furnishing a house, in which to worship until a house can be built.

The committee to nominate an Executive Board made the following report, which was adopted: R. D Melvin, A. A. McCaskill, H. M. Howard, Z B. Newton, D A McNeil, N. C. Thagard and Henry Jones.

The following report on Intemperance was adopted, and discussed by A. A. McCaskill, Z B. Newton, Dr. Harrell, J. T. Townsend, J. W. Cobb, D. J. McCaskill and E. J. Johnson.

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

We find that the sin of intemperance is one of the greatest evils which threatens the welfare of society and the advancement of the cause of Christ in this world We find that the forces of the liquor traffic are organizing for the purpose of carrying on their nefarious occupation to the ruin of the peace and happiness of many homes They number their victims by the thousands, and every day add new recruits to that bloated army of drunkards, who are staggering onward to eternal destruction. The wine and liquor bill of the American people for the year past. is greater than the amount spent by the whole nation for food and clothing. And yet this evil is licensed by law in our State. The rum-seller has his representatives in the halls of legislation and on the floor of Congress There where protection should be looked for, a mercenary warfare is being waged against the decent element of our people, who declare the souls of men ought not to be made an object of merchandise. Evidences are all about us showing the awful havoc which intemperance has wrought. In view of these things, we are of opinion,

1st. That every Christian should consider himself an agent, commissioned by God, to do all in his power to crush the liquor-dealer and put down his trade; the prosperity of which is secured only at the fearful price of misery and despair.

2nd. That we Christians ought not to have dealings with keepers of *bars* in any conceivable way.

3rd. That every church member who indulges in the use of intoxicating liquors, sets a mischievious and dangerous example, and invites his children and his associates to enter upon the road to ruin.

We would therefore recommend,

1st. That the church exclude all members who are in any way connected with the sale or manufacture of whiskey, brandy, or any other intoxicating beverage.

2nd. That fellowship be withdrawn from all who are known to be habitual drinkers, or who are frequenters of bar-rooms, for in so doing there is an appearance of evil.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. PITMAN.

ORPHANAGE.

The greatest and most benevolent work that can engage the hearts and minds of the Baptists of North Carolina to-day, and one that calls forth their love and liberal contributions, is the Thomasville Orphanage, under the kind care and management of our Bro. J. H. Mills, this loved work we all have upon us. In considering the claims of the fatherless and motherless ones, among our people, we may, by the help of the Lord, aid in the blessed and most glorious cause of providing for those who cannot provide for themselves. We, therefore, trust that open hands and hearts, and open purses, will gladden our waiting souls. We also recommend "Charity and Children," a weekly paper, published at the Orphanage.

J. D. CLARK.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association request the churches of this body to take a collection, at some regular meeting, in behalf of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, and we further ask the trustees of the Orphanage to carefully consider the advisability of continuing to employ a State Agent, and the Agent, while employed, make a quarterly report in the "Biblical Recorder" and "North Carolina Baptist" of the amount collected by pastors, by Associations, and by himself, separately, and that the pastors of the State be requested to do the work necessary to support the Orphanage.

The report and resolution were discussed by J. G. Fisher, Z. B. Newton, J. T. Townsend, H. M. Howard, Dr. Harrell, J. W. Cobb, W. S. Johnson and D. J. Cashwell.

Ordered, that the Clerk be allowed $10.00

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be extended to the Great Marsh church, and the friends of the entire neighborhood, for the very liberal and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body.

Agreed to allow Clerk $10.00 for his services. Hymn 911 sang. Prayer by Dr. Harrell. Benediction by J. T. Townsend. Thus closed a pleasant and harmonious session.

A. A. McCASKILL,
Moderator.

R. D. MELVIN,
Clerk.

Treasurer's Report.

R. D. Melvin, Treasurer, in account with Cedar Crek Assoc'n

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Oct.	14th.	Balance on hand Association Mission,	$ 25 88	
"	"	Amount Financial Com. for Missions,	44 60	
"	"	" " State "	41 81	
"	"	" " Home "	22 10	
"	"	" " Education,	5 50	
"	"	" " Orphanage,	13 56	
"	"	" " Minute Fund,	21 50	
		Coll. Green Spings,	2 60	
			——	$177 55

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By amount paid J. D. Boushall.

By cash paid for Foreign Missions,	$ 52 38	
" " State Missions,	42 81	
" " Home "	22 10	
" " E. J. Edwards, Orphanage,	13 56	
" " J. D. Boushall, Education,	5 50	
" " Express charges,	75	
" " Printing Minutes,	12 00	
" " Clerk's Fees,	10 00	
" " Freight,	25	
" " W. C. West, Services Rockfish,	15 00	
" " " " Cedar Falls,	1 50	
Balance on hand,	2 70	
	——	$ 177 55

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. Melvin, Treas.

Financial Table.

CHURCHES.	State Missions	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Orphanage.	Minute Fund.	Total.
Beaver Dam	......	.....	$ 50	......	$ 75	$ 25	$ 1 50
Bladen Union	......	.....	2 35	$ 2 36	.....	......	4 71
Cedar Creek	$ 3 00	.....	3 00	1 66	.....	1 40	9 06
Cumberland Union	......	.....	2 50	......	.....	1 31	3 81
Cape Fear	3 00	.....	2 75	......	.....	75	6 50
Green Springs	10 00	.....	5 50	......	50	1 20	17 20
Great Marsh	5 20	.....	5 83	3 75	.....	55	12 33
Hope Mills	......	.....	......	......	.....	1 21	1 21
Judson	3 90	.....	3 45	......	75	1 20	9 30
Love's Grove	......	.....	......	35	.....	40	75
Lebanon	2 60	$2 60	2 60	2 60	.....	1 65	14 65
Manchester	......	.....	......	......	.....	1 00	1 00
Mt. Pisgah	1 33	.....	1 33	1 33	.....	46	4 45
Mt. Gilead	......	.....	2 00	......	25	1 00	3 25
Peter's Creek	......	.....	......	......	.....	25	25
Rockfish	......	.....	......	......	.....	80	80
Shiloh	5 00	.....	......	......	.....	50	5 50
Sharon	1 12	.....	......	......	.....	......	1 12
Grand Total	$35 15	$2 60	$31 81	$12 05	$2 25	$13 93	$97 39

Lebonan paid $2.60 for Education, and Sharon paid $3.00 for Ministers' Relief Aid.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY JONES,
J. McD. JESSUP,
Finance Committee.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Baptised.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Number Males.	Number Females.	Total.
Beaver Dam	...	..	..	8	2	1	33	71	104
Bladen Union	6	..	..	6	5	2	50	62	102
Cedar Creek	19	3	1	5	4	2	82	184	260
Cumberland Union	9	1	1	..	..	..	59	78	137
Cape Fear	1	.	..	..	..	1	15	31	46
Green Springs	4	..	..	5	3	1	49	86	135
Great Marsh	12	4	2	4	2	2	120	126	246
Judson	19	3	4	4	7	1	47	75	125
Lebanon	1	4	1	1	2	..	62	80	142
Love's Grove	...	..	..	..	..	..	7	11	18
Mt. Pisgah	2	..	..	6	2	..	57	72	129
Mt. Gilead	...	4	..	..	3	..	33	22	55
Peter's Creek	...	1	..	..	..	..	23	28	51
Rockfish	11	5	..	2	1	..	21	60	81
Manchester	15	3	3	15	12	..	....	....	50
Hope Mills	6	13	..	..	..	..	....	....	68
Sharon	23	3	9	..	..	2	44	43	87
Shiloh	11	..	1	1	3	..	40	70	110
Grand Total	139	44	22	47	46	12	842	1099	1936

TABLE OF MEMBERSHIP.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.	Time of Meeting.
Beaver Dam	C. E. Beard	Edge, N. C.	P. P. Hall	Clay Fork. N. C.	1st Sabbath.
Bladen Union	W. A. Humphrey	Orram. "	W. C. Riddle	Edonia, "	1st "
Cedar Creek	J. G. Fisher	Roslin, "	W. D. Smith	Cedar Creek, "	2nd "
Cumberland Union	A. R. Pittman	Rennert, "	E. F. Jones	Cedar Creek, "	4th "
Cape Fear	A. R. Pittman	Rennert, "	J. P. Thames	Sherwood, "	4th "
Green Springs	D. S. Bullard	Roseboro, "	D. A. McNeill	Roslin, "	4th "
Great Marsh	W. M. Page	Godwin, "	S. Willoughby	St. Pauls, "	2nd "
Hope Mills	W. C. West	Hope Mills, "	M. H. Melvin	Hope Mills, "	2nd "
Judson	W. R. Johnson	Buckhorn, "	C. D. Averitt	Idaho, "	3rd "
Lebanon	J. G. Fisher	Roslin, "	R. J. Harrison	Fayetteville, "	1st "
Love's Grove	...	...	E. L. Singletary	Tar Heel, "	...
Mt. Pisgah	D. S. Bullard	Roseboro, "	W. S. Fisher	Brunt, "	1st "
Manchester	W. B. Harrell.	Dunn, "	J. W. King	Manchester, "	...
Mt. Gilead	W. B. Harrell	Dunn, "	J. R. Luthe.	Dial, "	2nd "
Peter's Creek	J. M. Prevatt	Moss Neck, "	A. Simmons	Floyd, "	4th "
Rockfish	W. B. Harrell	Dunn, "	D. C. Rogers	Hope Mills, "	1st "
Sharon	C. E. Beard	Winnie, "	T. S. Davis	Cedar Creek, "	4th "
Shiloh	W. Brunt	Winnie, "	M. H. Sewell	Willis Creek, "	2nd "

NOTE.—The church letters are so incomplete in regard to amounts paid out for the different objects, there is no way of getting at a correct statement of what each church has done the past year.

CLERK.

CONSTITUTION.

WHEREAS God's people are commanded to strive together for the faith of the Gospel, and whereas, in union there is greater strength and capacity for assisting in the promotion of Christ's Kingdom on earth, we, professed disciples of Christ, resolved to unite in an associated capacity on the following Constitution:

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Cedar Creek Baptist Association of North Carolina

Art 2. This body shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates.

Art. 3 In the selection of these delegates the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

Art 4. The delegates thus selected shall bear from their respective churches a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and the interest thereof.

Art. 5. The Association shall select out of their members annually a presiding officer, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot: and who shall receive a majority of all the votes cast to elect the same, and to continue in office until the time for the annual election.

Art. 6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to "law and testimony"

Art. 7. This Association shall have a fund created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

Art. 8. A faithful record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session, which shall be printed and presented to each annual session.

Art. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members who shall have superintendance of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all monies paid them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. This Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their work.

Art. 10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship toward any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve proper or Gospel order among their members. Nor towards any of her Churches and Ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt, but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote Gospel principles and order.

Art. 11. It shall be the province of the Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to a seat, who shall be entitled to speak on any subject under discussion, but not to vote.

Art. 12. *The annual session of this Association shall be on

Thursday before the third Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 13. By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon preached, and also a Charity Sermon.

Art. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

RULES OF ORDER

1. At each assembling for the transaction of business, the presiding officer (or in his absence the Secretary) shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a Chairman pro tem shall be eppointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, praise and prayer, either by him or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

2. The presiding officer shall, as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association, in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transacted. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking.

3. The names of the delegates shall be called each day of the session, previous to proceeding to business, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other which becometh those that reverence God, who they are and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate or make any remarks, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the presiding officer; shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

5. When a motion is made without a second it shall not receive attention, but if seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer, or, if in writing, shall be read by the Secretary before debate.

6. After a motion is stated by the presiding officer, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover previous to a discussion.

7. When a question is under debate no motion or proposition shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for reconsideration thereof during the session.

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*Note—Article 12 is changed, and the Association meets Wednesday before the second Sunday in October.

9. When a subject is presented, and is promptly opposed by

any member, it shall be admitted to consideration by a vote of the Association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association unless he has permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

11. All questsons, except such as relate to the Constitution, thall be decided by a majority of the votes.

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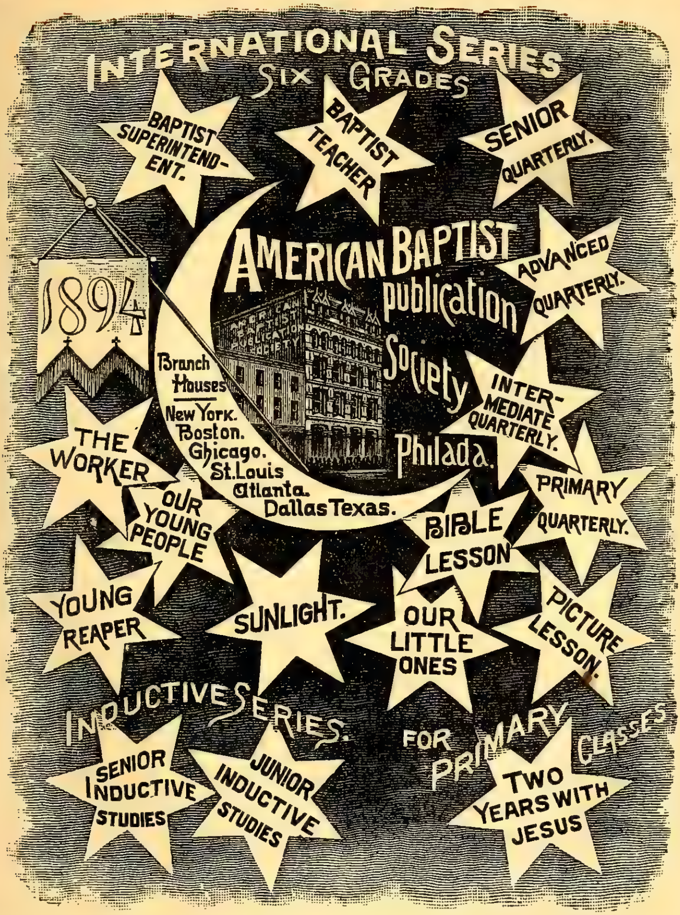

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PROCEEDINGS.

SHILOH CHURCH, BLADEN COUNTY, N. C.,
October 17, 1894.

The Cedar Creek Baptist Association met in its Thirty-seventh Annual Session with the church at Shiloh, Bladen county, N. C., Wednesday, October 17, 1894, at 11 o'clock. The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. E. C. Melton, from Colossians 3:1: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." Prayer by Rev. A. E. C. Pittman. After the sermon forty-five minutes recess was taken for dinner.

The Association re-assembled for the transaction of the business of the Seesion, when the body was called to order by the former Moderator, A. A. McCaskill. Religious exercises conducted by Rev. W. R. Johnson.

The Chair appointed Rev. T. B, Newberry and H. B. Downing reading clerks.

Henry Jones and G. M. D. Howard were appointed a finance committee.

The Churches were then called and the letters read, and names of delegates enrolled.

CHURCHES. DELEGATES.

BEAVER DAM—D. S. Bullard, E. E. Fisher, S. Smith.
BLADEN UNION—E. C. Melton, F. Davis, M. W. Tyson.
CEDAR CREEK—E. J. Everitt, W. R. Johnson, A. B. Smith.
CUMBERLAND UNION—H. B. Downing, S. H. Johnson, R. A. Melvin.
CAPE FEAR—J. P. Thames, W. H. Marsh, J. B. Underwood.
CEDAR FALLS—by T. B. Newberry.
GREEN SPRINGS—W. S. Bramble, R. N. Cashwell.
GREAT MARSH—R. D. Melvin, G. M. D. Howard.

HOPE MILLS—D. B. Stone.

JUDSON—L. McDaniel, H. B. Everitt, J. Sessoms.

LEBANON—A. A. McCaskill, W. A. Beard, J. C. Beard.

LOVE'S GROVE— by letter.

MANCHESTER—not represented.

MT. PISGAH—T. B. Newberry, M. H. Hall, W. H. Smith.

MT. GILEAD—not represented.

PETER'S CREEK—A. Simmons, N. T. Smith, A. J. Simmons.

ROCKFISH—J. H. Biggs, J. H. Musselwhite, B. F. Sikes.

SHILOH—M. H. Sewell, D. E. Melvin, J. S. Cain.

SHARON—R. A. McCullouch, L. D. Melvin, J. D. Melvin.

UNION SPRINGS—D. Mimms, H. C. Dean.

On motion, the letter from Lebanon was laid on the table.

The Association proceeded to the annual election of officers for the ensuing year. S. H. Johnson and T. B. Newberry were appointed tellers. A ballot was had for moderator and H. B. Downing was elected. R. D. Melvin was re-elected Clerk and Treasurer.

The letters from Bladen Union and Cape Fear, having petitions for the next session, was tabled for the present.

Invited corresponding and visiting brethren to seats with us. Rev. C. E. Beard, from the Bladen and Rev. A. E. C. Pitman, from the Chowan Associations, responded.

The Deacons of Shiloh church with Pastor C. E. Beard were appointed to arrange preaching during the session.

Brethren Isaac McGee, H. Jones and E. C. Melton were appointed to name writers for next session.

Appointed H. B. Everitt and W. S. Bramble a committee to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

To recommend Messengers to Sister Associations, S. H. Johnson, T. B. Newberry and K. Ellis

On motion, the Association spent a few moments in special prayer for the afflicted family of Brother J. G. Fisher, led by Rev. S. H. Johnson.

On motion, the letter from Lebanon was taken from the table and a commiteee of five, consisting of R. M. Tolar, Frank Davis, James Thames, Syd. Willoughby and Love Nunnally, were appointed to investigate the complaint from Lebanon church.

Adjourned to Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Isaac McGee.

THURSDAY—Morning Session.

The Association met at the appointed hour. Religious services conducted by Rev. A. E. C. Pitman. Prayer by Rev. T. B. Newberry.

Churches not represented yesterday called. None present.

Invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren renewed. None present.

Appointed male members of Shiloh church a vigilant committee.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Rev. C. E. Beard was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock to-day.

Report on Periodicals was then read by R. D. Melvin, Pending motion to adopt, the body was addressed by C. E. Beard. T. B. Newberry and R. D. Melvin.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

As an Association, we would reiterate what we have often expressed: "That we can feel but little interest in any subject of which we know but little." Missions, both at home and in foreign lands, Education, Sabbath School Work, &c., are subjects of vital importance to the building up of Christ's Kingdom on earth. To know what we ought about these things, we must be in possession of the sources of information. If our churches were informed more fully in regard to these subjects they would contribute more liberally to them, and enjoy more the religion they possess.

We, therefore, recommend the more general circulation of religious denominational papers as the means for the accomplishment of these ends.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. MELVIN, Ch'm'n.

Rev. C. E. Beard announced that he would receive subscriptions for the Biblical Recorder, and Rev. W. R. Johnson for the N. C. Baptist.

The Association gave way to hear the Missionary Sermon by Rev. C. E. Beard from Malichi, 3:8: "Will a man rob God, &c.

The Chair appointed the following brethren to write and report at this session :

Orphanage—T. B. Newberry.
Sabbath Schools—H. Jones.
State Missions—E. C. Melton.
Foreign Missions—W. R. Johnson.
Intemperance—A. E. C. Pitman.
Education—A. A. McCaskill.
Aged Ministers—S. H. Johnson.

Recess for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Secretary read the Annual Report of the Executive Committee. After remarks by A. A. McCaskill, W. R. Johnson, R. D. Melvin and S. H. Johnson, the report was received.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTES.

Our first meeting was held at Fayetteville, October 28, 1893. Our second at Cedar Creek, December 30, 1893. Our third at Hope Mills, April 28, 1894. The fourth at Mount Gilead, July 28, 1894.

We supplied Cedar Falls with preaching two quarters by Rev. J. Hartwell Edwards, for which we paid him $25.00. Union Springs one quarter by Rev. E. C. Melton, for which we paid him $6.00. We supplemented Love's Grove one quarter by Rev. E. C. Melton, for which we paid $6.00. Rev. T. B. Newberry voluntarily supplied Union Springs one quarter, and held a meeting of days A great work was accomplished at this point by Brother Newberry—thirty-two were added to the church. The church paid him $4 50.

There are several weak churches in our bounds, and we ask the Association to aid these by their contributions. Manchester is a very important point.

Respectfully submitted,
A. A. McCASKILL, Ch'm'n.
R. D. MELVIN, Sec'y.

A collection was now taken up amounting to $1.65.

The committee to nominate an Executive Board made their report as follows:—R. D. Melvin, A. A. McCaskill, James Thames, W. H. Downing, D. A. McNeill, Henry Jones and B. M. Smith. Report adopted. Collection eighty cents.

The report on Education was read by A. A. McCaskill. Pending a motion to adopt, the body was addressed by J. A. Oates, Editor N. C. Baptist and J. H. Edwards.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Resolved, That we, as Baptists, believe that the education of the head and heart should be the first duty of every person, and, that we as an Association, urge the importance and necessity of a more thorough study of the Bible upon all our people.

Respectfully submitted,
A. A. McCASKILL.

Agreed that the next Session of this Association be held with the Church at Cape Fear, Cumberland county, beginning at 11 o'clock a. m., on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1895. Rev. T. B. Newberry was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Rev. W. R. Johnson to preach the Missionary Sermon on Thursday at 11 o'clock.

On motion, the report on Periodicals was re-considered and the Association was addressed by Brother J. A. Oates, and Rev. J. H. Edwards addressed the Body on State Missions.

Adjourned to 9:30 o'clock Friday morning. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Edwards. Benediction by Rev. A. E. C. Pitman.

FRIDAY—Morning Session.

The Association convened at the appointed hour. Religious services conducted by S. H. Johnson. Prayer by E. C. Melton.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Renewed invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. None present.

Report on State Missions read by E. C. Melton. Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by E. C. Melton and T. B. Newberry.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

There is no more important subject that we, as an Association, are called on to discuss than State Missions. While the work of Foreign Missions is binding upon upon us, it is preeminently our duty to see that the Gospel of the Son of God is carried to the destitute places of our own State. Within the bounds of our own Association there are destitute places, where people are sitting in darkness, thirsting for the Water of Life, going on in ignorance in the downward road of sin. How are these people to be reached? the answer is plain to every Christian, send them the Gospel. Are we doing this? Can we rest and see souls for whom Christ died perishing for the Bread of Life, while we have plenty and never make an effort to send them the Word? Let us awake to our duty; let us help those who are destitute.

The Master is saying to us, "Son go work in my vineyard to-day." Send the Gospel to those who have it not. Contribute of your means and help others to give their time to this great work of preaching Christ's Gospel to those who are in Spiritual darkness.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. MELTON.

On motion, speeches limited to five minutes.

The report on Intemperance was read by A. E. C. Pitman. Pending motion to adopt remarks were made by A. E. C. Pitman, C. E. Beard, T. B. Newberry, R. D. Melvin and H. B. Everitt. Report adopted.

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

No sentiment is growing faster than that favoring prohibition of the liquor traffic. This plan of temperance is the absorbing one among us, and the need for united action to this end of legal prohibition is all important. The corruption and direful results consequent upon the liquor traffic are evident to all. Therefore, RESOLVED, 1ST. That we stop resoluting and go to acting.

2ND. Unite our votes with our prayers.

3RD. Abstain from all use of intoxicating drinks.

4TH. That the pastors be requested to give at least one Distinct Temperance Sermon during the year.

5TH. That we recommend the churches to be more active in ridding their membership of dram-drinkers and drunkards.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. C. PITMAN.

The Chair appointed W. H. Butler and S. Bramble an Auditing Committee.

The Committee to appoint Corresponding Messengers to Sister Associations reported as follows:

Robeson—R. D. Melvin.
Bladen—K. Ellis.
South River—T. B. Newberry.
Cape Fear—E. C. Melton.

The Committee to name Delegates to the Baptist State Convention reported as follows:—E. C. Melton, H. B. Downing, J. P. Thames, Marshall Hall, W. H. Downing, W. H. Marsh and A. A. McCaskill

Report on Bible Schools was read by H. Jones. Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by I. McGee, A. E. C. Pitman, T. B. Newberry and James G. Fisher. Report adopted.

REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Knowledge is power, therefore we are instructed by the wise man Solomon to get knowledge. Our Saviour taught on the Sabbath day. Sunday Schools are admitted by all to be feeders of the church, in which the young minds are trained and brought to Christ. Therefore, we urge the necessity of every church having a living Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY JONES.

The Committee to name writers reported as follows:

Orphanage—Isaac McGee.
Periodicals—J. H. Musselwhite.
Bible Schools—T. B. Newberry.
State Missions—W. R. Johnson.
Foreign Missions—Z. B. Newton.
Ministerial Support—A. A. McCaskill.
Intemperance—J. F. Fisher.
Prayer Meetings—Henry Jones.
Education—R. D. Melvin.
Aged Ministers—Syd. Willoughby.

Rev. J. D. Clark, of the Bladen Association, was invited to a seat in the Association.

Report on Aged Ministers was read by S. H. Johnson, and remarks were made by S. H. Johnson, T. B. Newberry and Isaac McGee.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS.

We know it to be the imperative duty of every church composing the Cedar Creek Association to lend a helping hand in providing for the needs of our aged ministers, who have faithfully discharged their duty in the great work of saving souls; in giving the Gospel to the destitute and worthy churches in our bounds.

The Board for the Relief of Aged Ministers is making an effort to assist these worthy brethren, and we are sorry to say there has been comparatively nothing done to help these aged and needy worn-out preachers.

Brethren, think on this matter, and do let us see that our Association show by their contributions that we are in sympathy with the movement, and may our Heavenly Father move our hearts and minds to come up to our duty.

Respectfully submitted,
S. H. JOHNSON.

Rev. T. B. Newberry offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

That this Association recommend Brother Stephen H. Johnson to the favorable consideration of the Churches of the Cedar Creek Association as Colporteur in our bounds.

A recess for dinner was taken.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association resumed business.

Report on Prayer Meeting was read by K. W. Ellis. Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Brother Ellis.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS.

We are taught by precept and example to meet for prayer and religious instructions. There is no better place to cultivate the talent in young Christians than in the prayer meeting. Yet we are sorry to say that many of our churches neglect this blessed privilege and become weak and many fall away. Let us awake from our lethargy and utilize this power.

Respectfully submitted,
K. W. ELLIS.

Report on Orphanage was read by T. B. Newberry, and the Association was addressed by I. McGee, R. D. Melvin and C. E. Beard. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

There has never been any work undertaken by North Carolina Baptists which has more tenderly appealed to the heart of our people than our Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville. It is under the kind control of Brother J. H. Mills. A large number of helpless children are there cared for and trained for Heaven.

These children must be fed and clothed and kept warm during the winter. Let us heartily help in this good work and encourage our Sunday Schools to contribute to it. We also recommend Charity and Children, the paper published at the Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,
T. B. NEWBERRY.

G. M. D. Howard read the report on Ministerial Support, and remarks were made on it by Brethren Howard, T. B. Newberry, J. D. Clark and E. C. Melton. Report adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

God has ordained that they who preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel, and they that minister unto us Spiritual things should receive of us temporal things. The minister should not lord it over God's heritage, for we are all the children of God, and should be equal in life. The churches should see that the pastor is supplied with a reasonable support. It is the duty of each one to help support the Gospel, that is not too poor. They should study their duty carefully and prayerfully and give as God has prospered them; willingly, not grudgingly. Let us endeavor to push the good work, the members seeing that the minister is well supplied, and he in turn to see that we are well fed upon Spiritual food.

Respectfully submitted,
G. M. D. HOWARD.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by W. R. Johnson. Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by T. B. Newberry, J. D. Clark and E. C. Melton. Report adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The past year has been one of many anxieties in our Foreign Mission work on account of wars and pestilence, but the Lord has blessed the labors of our missionaries with unusual success, and many have been converted and baptized. The demand is great for money to support those already at work and to send others. A number of missionaries are about to sail for China and other distant fields, among them Brother and Sister R. T. Bryan, of this State. The call is urgent, Dr. Willingham, our Foreign Mission Secretary, makes an earnest appeal for money for this great work.

We recommend that the churches, at an early day, press the claims of Foreign Missions and take up collections to help on this glorious work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. JOHNSON.

The Auditing Committee submitted their report. Report adopted and ordered to be appended.

On motion, the Clerk was requested to confer with the ministers having charge of the churches in the Cedar Creek Associa ion to press Missions and other denominational work more earnestly that the churches may be aroused to do more for the cause.

Ordered, that the Clerk be allowed $10.00 for his services.

The following resolution was unanimously passed:

That the thanks of this Body be and are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of this entire neighborhood for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Association during its present session.

The Hymn "Blest be the tie that binds" was sung and the Association adjourned to meet with the Cape Fear Church October 16th, 1895.

Benediction by Rev. E. C. Melton.

H. B. DOWNING, Moderator,

R. D. MELVIN, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

R D Melvin Treasurer, in account with Cedar Creek Association:

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October 15, To balance on hand,	$ 2.70
Amount from Finance Committee for	
State Missons,	35.15
Foreign Missions,	31 81
Home Missions,	12.05
Orphanage,	2.25
Minute Fund,	13.93
Collected at Association.	7.20
Collected at Cedar Creek,	2.04
From B. M. Smith,	50
From T. J. Tolar,	1 00
From Clerk of Union at Hope Mills,	12.11
From Clerk of Union at Mt. Gilead,	13.02
Total,	$133.76

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State Missions,	$ 35 15
Foreign Missions,	31.81
Home Missions,	12.05
Orphanage,	2.25
Printing Minutes,	10.00
Freight,	25
Clerk, (services),	10.00
Rev. J. H. Edwards, (services),	20.25
Rev. E. C. Melton, (services),	12.00
Total,	$133.76

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. MELVIN, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

W. S. BRAMBLE, } Auditing Committee.
W. H. BUTLER, }

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.	TIME OF PREACHIN	
Beaver Dam	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's Store	P. P. Hall, Clay Fork		
Bladen Union	J. D. Clark, St. Pauls	M. W. Tyson, Edonia	1st Sunday and day before	2
Cedar Creek		W. D. Smith, Cedar Creek	2nd “ “ “ “	..
Cumberl'd Union	A. R. Pittman, Rennert	E. F. Jones, “ “	4th “ “ “ “	1
Cape Fear	A. R. Pittman, Rennert	J. P. Thames, Sherwood	4th “ “ “ “	6
Cedar Falls				..
Green Springs	D. L. Bullard, Roseboro	J. F. Fisher, Roslin	3rd Sunday and day before	8
Great Marsh	Wiley M. Page, Falcon	Syd. Willoughby, St. Pauls	2nd “ “ “ “	2
Hope Mills	R. A. Moore, Red Springs	C. M. Lanier, Hope Mills	1st “ “ “ “	30
Judson	J. H. Edwards, Fayetteville	C. D. Averitt, Idaho	3rd “ “ “ “	11
Lebanon	W. B. Harrell, Dunn	R. J. Harrison Fayetteville	1st “ “ “ “	11
Love's Grove				..
Manchester				..
Mt. Pisgah		W. S. Fisher, Brunt		27
Mt. Gilead				..
Peter's Creek	W. T. Melvin, Winnie	Alex. Simmons, Floyd	1st Sunday and day before	8
Rockfish	R. A. Moore, Red Springs	D. C. Rogers, Hope Mills	2nd “ “ “ “	4
Shiloh	C. E. Beard, Winnie	M. H. Sewell, Willis' Creek	1st “ “ “ “	23
Sharon	C. E. Beard, Winnie	D. B. Beard, Cedar Creek	4th “ “ “ “	22
Union Springs	T. B. Newberry, Fayetteville	W. D. Deans, Cumberland		24
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Note:—The letters are incomplete with Sunday School reports. Some do not mention Sabbatl

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Report of Finance Committee.

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Beaver Dam.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65
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Cape Fear.......	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....	50
Cedar Falls......	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Green Springs...	2 88	4 88	.....	1 60	.....	90
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HENRY JONES,
G. M HOWARD,
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CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

—HELD WITH THE—

Church at Cape Fear,

CUMBERLAND COUNTY, N. C.,

October 16th, 17th and 18th, 1895.

OFFICERS:

R. A. HEDGPETH, Moderator, - - - Cedar Creek, N. C.
R. D. MELVIN, Glerk and Treasurer - - Rennert, N. C.

TIME OF MEETING:

At Lebanon Church, Cumberland County, Wednesday before the Third Sunday in October, 1896.

Introductory by Rev. C. A. G. Thomas, Fayetteville, N. C.

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EXECTTIVE COMMITTEE:

Henry Jones,	Willis' Creek,	N. C.
James Thames,	Sherwood,	"
D. A. McNeill,	Roslin,	"
S. Willoughby,	St. Paul's,	"
B. Smith,	Cedar Creek,	"
W. L. Nunallee,	Brunt,	"
H. B. Everitt,	Idaho,	"

ORDAINED MINISTERS:

J. G. Fisher,	Roslin,	N. C.
W. R. Johnson,	Cedar Creek,	"
R. A. Hedgpeth,	Cedar Creek,	"
D. S. Bullard,	Roseboro,	"
E. C. Melton,	Willis' Creek,	"
A. E. C. Pittman,	Rennert,	"
C. A. G. Thomas,	Fayetteville,	"
J. T. Townsend,	Fayetteville,	"
J. D. Clark,	St. Paul's,	"

PROCEEDINGS.

Cape Fear, N. C.,
October 16, 1895.

According to adjournment, the Cedar Creek Association met in its 38th Annual Session with this church to-day, at 11 o'clock. Bro. J. W. Cobb preached the Introductory sermon from Amos 4th chapter, 12th verse: "Prepare to meet thy God. Oh, Israel."

After a recess of 45 minutes, the body was called to order by the Moderator, H. B. Downing, who conducted the religious exercises, W. R. Johnson leading in prayer.

Roll of churches called, a majority being represented, the Association was declared ready for business.

The Moderator appointed Z. B. Newton and G. H. Clark, Reading Clerks. James Thames and H. M. Howard, a Finance committee.

Churches called and delegates enrolled as follows :

Beaver Dam—E. E. Fisher, D. J. Horn, P. W. Smith.
Bladen Union R. M. Tolar, F. Davis, J. E. Willis.
Cedar Creek—R. A. Hedgpeth, W. D. Smith, W. R. Johnson.
Cumberland Union—E. M. Hall, E. F. Jones, J. E. Averett.
Cedar Falls—not represented.
Cape Fear J. Pate, J. B. Williams, Heman Jones.
Green Springs—L. Jones, D. A. McNeill, R. N. Cashwell.
Great Marsh L. Willoughby, Opie Adams, R. D. Melvin.
Hope Mills—J. G. Fisher, E. Fisher, J. F. Byrne.
Judson—H. B. Everett, L. McDaniel, R. K. Sessoms.
Lebanon J. S. Beard, C. Butler, E. C. Harrison.
Love Grove—C. Singletery, L. Grimes, W. Monroe.
Manchester--H. M. Howard, A. Overton, N. Clark.
Mt. Pisgah—W. L. Nunally, M. H. Hall, W. S. Fisher.
Mt. Gilead—Tate Rackley, J. T. Townsend, B. Hales.
Peter's Creek--A. Simmons, E. M. Smith, A. S. Melvin.
Rockfish—Z. B. Newton, D. J. Cashwell, B. S. Horn.
Shiloh--J. W. Bullard, K. K. Bedsole, W. A. Seawell.

Sharon—M. H. Bullard, L. D. Melvin, J. D. Melvin.
Union Springs--represented by letter.
Corinth— " " "
Fayetteville—J. A. Oates, Jr.

The letters from Peter's Creek, Love's Grove and Corinth were laid on the table.

The Association proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth for Moderator and R. D. Melvin, Clerk and Treasurer. Extended an invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren, and the following responded: Bro. Arch. Johnson, agent for Thomasville Orphanage; J. W. Cobb, agent for ***North Carolina Baptist*** and both of the Robeson Associations, and A. A. Butler, agent for the ***Biblical Recorder*** of the Eastern Association.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Religious Services—the Pastor and Deacons of Cape Fear church. To write on Orphanage—A. Johnson. Periodicals – J. W. Cobb. Bible Schools—A. A. Butler. To name writers – S. Willoughby, M. H. Hall and Z. B. Newton. To select delegates to Baptist State Convention—W. S. Fisher and Henry Jones. To recommend messengers to sister Associations —G. H. Clark, H. B. Averitt, S. H. Johnson.

Invitation given to churches wishing to unite with Association. None present.

Report on Baptist Orphanage read by A. Johnson, pending a motion to adopt, the session was addressed by A. Johnson.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

There has never been any work undertaken by North Carolina Baptist which has more tenderly appealed to the hearts of our people than our Baptist Orphanage, at Thomasville. It is under the kind control of Bro. J. B. Boone. A large number of helpless children are there cared for and trained for heaven. These children must be fed and clothed and kept warm during the winter. Let us heartily help in this good work, and encourage Sunday schools to contribute to it. We also recommend *Charity and Children*, the paper published at the Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,
A. Johnson.

By request of the Treasurer, the Finance committee was ordered to pay over to Bro. A. Johnson the amount sent up for the Orphanage, $9 96. A collection for same was taken up amounting to $5 10, which was paid over to Bro. Johnson.

The report on Periodicals was read by J. W. Cobb. Remarks on same were made by J. W. Cobb and A. A. Butler.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

As an Association, we would reiterate what we have often expressed. That we can feel but little interest in any subject of which we know but little. Missions, both at home and in foreign lands, Education, Sabbath School work, &c., are subjects of vital importance to the building of Christ's kingdom on earth. To know what we ought about those things, we must be in possession of the sources of information. If our churches were informed more fully in regard to these objects, they would contribute more liberally to them, and enjoy more the religion they possess. We therefore recommend the *Biblical Recorder,* the *North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, Home Field,* &c.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Cobb.

On motion, the letters from Peter's Creek, Love's Grove and Corinth were taken from the table and letters of dismission granted them to join the Bladen Association. Adjourned to 10 o'clock a. m., Thursday. Prayer, A. A. Butler leading. Benediction by the Moderator.

THURSDAY - Morning Session.

October 17.

Association met according to adjournment, and after religious exercises, conducted by the Moderator, and prayer by Rev. J. G. Fisher, the Moderator called the Association to order. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

On motion, Article 2, of the Constitution, was amended so as to add: "And resident ministers shall be members of this body *ex officio.*"

Churches not represented yesterday, called. The letters from Bladen, Union and Shiloh presented, read, and names of delegates enrolled, and a letter of dismission granted to Shiloh church to unite with the Bladen Association. Renewed invitation to visiting brethren; Bro. S. J. Cobb, of the Robeson Association accepted. Report on Bible Schools read by A. A. Butler.

REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Bible Schools report as follows:

We regard the training of our young people for the Master's service as a work of great importance, and we believe that this can be accomplished through the instrumentality of the Sunday School, to a better advantage than by the use of any other organized effort. We therefore urge that each church in this Association have a live, working Sunday School under the direct control of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
A. A. BUTLER.

Remarks by A. A. Butler adopted.

The Association gave way to hear the Missionary Sermon by Rev. W. R. Johnson, from Romans 8th chapter and 18th verse, "For I reckon that the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory that shall be revealed in us." Recess for 45 minutes for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The letters from Sharon and Mount Gilead presented, read, and names of delegates enrolled.

On motion, Bro. J. A. Oates was recognized as a fraternal delegate from Fayetteville church, and that church to cooperate with this Association.

The chair appointed H. B. Everitt and E. C. Melton a committee to nominate an Executive Board for ensuing year.

Agreed that the next Session of this Association be held with the church at Lebanon, Cumberland county, on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1896. Rev. C. A. G. Thomas was appointed to preach Opening and Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock a. m. Report on State Missions read by W. R. Johnson. Pending motion to adopt remarks were made by Revs. A. A. Butler and J. G. Fisher.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

God has given another year of great success in the prosecution of the work in the State. The Board has done and is still doing a grand work in supplying many places in the State that is not occupied by Associational work, and giving the Gospel of the Son of God to the people who have it not as we believe it. So brethren, let us be more liberal in our contributious. State Missions proper, is the work done in the State, whether by Associations or otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,
W. R. JOHNSON.

Sydney Willoughby and J. P. Thames were appointed an auditing committee. The report on Foreign Missions was read by Z. B. Newton and adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The coming of the Kingdom is the watchword of the Christian soldier, and none who really know Christ, can afford to remain satisfied with anything less than the universal knowledge of the Gospel. This, from present indications, is yet far in the future, still the progress made in the heathen world, within the last century, has laid the foundation on which a mighty structure will be built in the next. In this great work, North Carolina has been signally honored. God has seen fit to summon to His service many of our own sons and daughters. If other States have surpassed us in amounts raised, we are ahead of them all in numbers sent. However, this very fact should stimulate us to higher endeavors and greater sacrifice, that those whom we have sent to foreign shores may be sustained and upheld. God in His Providence, seems to be opening every avenue of access that we can ask. The recent war between China and Japan is really a triumph of Christian civilization, and is bound to make a deep impression upon China, and thus change the general missionary cause. Brethren, the Lord is doing His part as He always does, and we should be faithful to our trust. How can they hear without a preacher¿ Are we helping as we should, to pay some pastor's salary in China? Let us remember the words of our Lord Jesus, how He said it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Respectfully submitted,
Z B. NEWTON.

Article 13, of the Csnstitution was amended so as to strike out "And a charity sermon."

The committee to select delegates to Baptist State Convention reported as follows: D. L. Bullard, R. A. Hedgpeth, A. E. C. Pittman, E. C. Melton, R. W. Johnscn, H. B. Downing, S. H. Johnson, J. P. Thames, W. H. Marsh, J. H. Musselwhite, and J. G. Fisher.

The committee to name writers for next Session reported as follows:

Orphanage, James Thames; *Periodicals*, E. C. Melton; *Bible Schools*, J. A. Oates; *State Missions*, A. E. C. Pittman; *Foreign Missions*, J. C. Crumpler; *Ministerial Support*, Henry Jones; *Intemperance*, H. B. Downing; *Prayer Meetings*, W. S Johnson; *Education*, G. H. Clark; *Aged Ministers*, Herman Jones.

The committee to recommend an Executive Board reported the following names: Henry Jones, Syd Willoughby, D. A. McNeill, James Thames, H. B. Everitt, B. Smith, and W. L. Nunally. Adjourned to 9:30 o'clock a. m. Prayer, A. E. C. Pittman leading.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9:30.

The Association convened at the appointed hour, and was called to order by the Moderator. Religious services conducted by Rev. E. C. Melton, who read 133 Psalm. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Renewed invitation to visiting brethren. None present. Rev. J. W. Cecil, of the Reformed German church of Thomasville, was invited to a seat on the floor, who made a short speech on Orphanage, &c

The hour for special order having arrived, the report on Foreign Missions was taken up, and after remarks by P W Smith and A A Butler, was adopted.

The following pledges were made for Foreign Missions: Bladen Union, $5 00; Cedar Creek, 10 00; Cumberland Union, 10 00; Cape Fear, 10 00; Hope Mills, 10 00; Lebanon, 5 00; Manchester, 5 00; Mt Pisgah, 5 00; Mt Gilead, 5 00; Sharon, 10 00. Total: 75 00.

The report on Intemperance was read by J G Fisher. Remarks by J G Fisher, J T Townsend, A E C Pittman, and R D Melvin.

INTEMPERANCE.

When we remember that God's Word has declared that no drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of God, and when we remember the great evil that Intemperance is working, in the destruction of property, morality and spirituality among our people, it surely becomes us to rise in the strength of God, and determine to banish the evil from our fair land. To do this we advise every lover of peace and prosperity to vote for no man, for any office, who will not promise to do all in their power to suppress this evil.

Respectfully submitted,
J. G. Fisher.

The Association gave way to hear a sermon from Rev A A Butler, from Ephesians 2nd chapter and 8th verse, "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God." Recess of 45 minutes for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The committee to name messengers for sister Associations reported as follows: To Robeson, R D Melvin; to Bladen, H B Downing; to South River, W R Johnson; to Cape Fear, E C Melton.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Our first meeting was held at Cumberland Union; was organized but no business done. At our second meeting, W R

Johnson was assigned to Union Springs for next quarter, who reported 7½ days at $1 50 per day, $11 25. E. C. Melton, who served two days at $3, in the northern part of Fayetteville, and there being no place for worship, the place was discontinued.

Respectfully submitted,

H. JONES, Ch'n.

The report on Ministerial Support was read by E. C. Melton and received.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This is a portion of the great commission given by the departing Savior to his sorrowing disciples. This commission could have been given to angels, and the Gospel could have been preached to earth's inhabitants by the same shining hosts who appeared to the shepherds of Bethlehem and sang "Glory to God in the highest." Such was not the case, however; God, in His wise council, had decreed that the Gospel of the Son of God should be carried to men who have it not, by men who have received it. To do this successfully and as God would have it done, those who are commissioned to preach the Gospel, should go forth free from any anxiety in regard to their temporal support. Holy writ gives forth no uncertain sound when it says "Those who preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel." When a man who is called of God to preach the Gospel has to give his attention all the week to obtain a support for himself and family, and then go forth unprepared, for the want of necessary time, to fill his appointment. Surely such a sight would cause weeping among the angels if tears are possible in heaven. Brethren of the Cedar Creek Association, let us go back to our respective churches determined to see that our pastors are paid better and more promptly than they have been. The pastor who is not getting a sufficient support, and getting that support promptly, has his hands so securely tied that he is prevented from doing his whole duty by those under his pastoral care. Again, the churches who support their pastors best do much more for the different objects of the Convention, and take a stand in the front ranks of the Association. Brethren, untie the hands of your pastor by giving him a sufficient support; free him from the cares of this world as much as possible, and then you will receive new strength from his ministrations, and God will bless you with all the temporal good which you are capable of enjoying and rightly using.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. MELTON.

Report on Prayer meetings was read by Henry Jones, and adopted.

PRAYER MEETINGS.

Every church should have a regular, well organized prayer meeting; it is the place where the old and the young, the rich and the poor, should meet in humble consecration at least once a month. No church can afford to be without a prayer meeting, without living in omission of a known duty, for it is taught abundantly in the Scriptures. Our Savior set the example. The Word tells us to forsake not the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY JONES.

The report on Education was read by R. D. Melvin, and received.

EDUCATION

Every man is accountable for what he might know. Education is the primary means of exterminating ignorance, and we believe that wilful ignorance is a curse to any people. He who neglects or refuses to inform his mind, hides his Lord's money. It is the duty of man to improve every talent that God has given him hence it is his duty to educate his children. We rejoice to see the standard of education upon a higher basis than it was fifty years ago. It was a rare thing then to see a young man who aspired to anything in books. But the minds now of the masses are aspiring to obtain an education, as they have learned that the young minds that are trained and educated shine out with splendor and illuminate the rising generation through the means of education.

We have various helps. The Bible, *Biblical Recorder*, *North Carolina Baptist*, *Charity and Children*, and other religious literature to aid us in our religious causes, and attain more spiritual knowledge; therefore, we urge the brethren of this Association to do all they can to push on this good work.

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. MELVIN.

The report on Aged Ministers was read by Sid. Willoughby.

AGED MINISTERS.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." The minister who has lived until he is old and feeble, trying to save souls and teaching us to trust in God, and thereby keep our hearts and minds from many troubles in this life, and have our souls made happy throughout eternity, ought to be loved, honored and cared for.

Respectfully submitted,
Sidney Willoughby.

The Treasurer was allowed to refer his report to S. Willoughby, one of the Finance committee.

Ordered, that the Clerk leave out the Sunday School work from the Minutes, and the same be left with the Sunday School Association. Clerk allowed nine dollars for his services.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of this neighborhood, for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Association during its present session.

Hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds" was sung, and the Association adjourned, to meet with the Lebanon church, Cumberland county, on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1896. Benediction by the Moderator.

R. A. HEDGPETH, Moderator.

R. D. Melvin, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. D. Melvin, Treasurer, in account with Cedar Creek Association:

	Dr.
Received for Foreign Missions,	$ 27 02
" Association "	1 60
" Home "	15 90
" Orphanage,	7 23
" Minute fund,	10 53
" Collection,	1 60
" Cedar Creek Union,	56 62

	Cr.
Paid for Foreign Missions,	27 02
" Home "	15 90
" Orphanage,	7 23
" Printing Minutes,	13 00
" Clerk,	10 00
" Express,	20
" H. Jones for E. C. Melton,	3 00
" E. C. Melton,	1 00
" State Missions,	4 56
" " "	8 34
" W. R. Johnson,	11 25
" E. C. Melton,	3 00
" D. A. McNeill, A. M.,	13 54
" S. Willoughby, A. M.,	2 46

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	By Letter...	Restored....	Dismissed..	Died....	Excluded..	Males....	Females....	Total. ......
Beaver Dam,	2	9		2		4	41	73	114
Bladen Union,	8	5	4	5		3	48	66	114
Cedar Creek,	10	10	5	13		3	88	168	256
Cumberl'd Union,	4	3		7	1	3	52	67	119
Cape Fear,	8				1	2	24	41	65
Corinth,	10								
Green Spring,	8	8		16	8	1	40	80	120
Great Marsh,	12	6		10		3	109	123	232
Hope Mills,	4	12		1	1	1	40	65	105
Judson,		3			4	4	51	84	135
Lebanon,	1	2		6	4	4	58	77	135
Manchester,	9	2	2	2		5	26	46	72
Mt. Pisgah,	3	2	1	1	1	2	58	82	150
Mt. Gilead,		3		3		1	37	34	71
Peter's Creek,	5	1		1	1		30	33	63
Rockfish,	1	33	1			4	24	49	74
Shiloh.	9	1	3	6		3	49	82	131
Sharon,	8	3	1	6	1	4	58	57	115
Union Springs,				10		3	10	30	40
	102	103	17	89	22	50	835	1247	2092

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
Cedar Creek Baptist Association.

WHEREAS, God's people are commanded to strive together for the faith of the gospel, and whereas, in union there is greater strength and capacity for assisting in the promotion of Christ's Kingdom on earth, we, professed disciples of Christ, resolve to unite in an associated capacity on the following Constitution:

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Cedar Creek Baptist Association of North Carolina.

ART. 2. This body shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates. All resident ministers shall be members *ex officio.*

ART. 3. In the selection of these delegates the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

ART. 4. The delegates thus selected shall bear from their respective churches a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and the interest thereof.

ART. 5. The Association shall select out of their members annually, a presiding officer, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and who shall receive a majority of all the votes cast to elect the same, and to continue in office until the time for the annual election.

ART. 6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to "law and testimony."

ALT. 7. This Association shall have a fund created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

ART. 8. A faithful record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session, which shall be printed and presented to each annual session.

Art. 9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint an Executive Committee, to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted, which committee shall be answerable for their official acts to the Association.

Art. 10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship toward any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve proper or Gospel order among their members. Nor towards any of her churches and Ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt, but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote Gospel principles and order.

Art. 11. It shall be the province of the Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to a seat, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

Art. 12. The annual session of this Association shall be on Wednesday before the third Lord's day in October, at such places as may be chosen.

Art. 13. By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon preached.

Art. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds present.

Rules of Order.

1. At each assembling for the transaction of business, the presiding officer (or in his absence the Secretary) shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a Chairman *pro tem.* shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, praise and prayer, either by him or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

2 The presiding officer shall, as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association, in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transacted. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking.

3. The names of the delegates shall be called each day of the session, previous to proceeding to business, and the minutes of preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other which becometh those that reverence God, whose they are and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate or make remarks, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the presiding officer; shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

5. When a motion is made without a second it shall not receive attention, but if seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer, or, if in writing, shall be read by the Secretary before debate.

6. After a motion is stated by the presiding officer, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover previous to a discussion.

7. When a question is under debate no motion or proposition shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affimative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority, to move for reconsideration thereof during the session.

9. When a subject is presented, and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration by a vote of the Association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association unless he has permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. These rules of order may by altered or amended at any annual session of the Associatian, by a vote of a majority of the delegates present.

FINANCE REPORT.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions..	Associ'n Missions.	Home Missions....	Orphanage..........	Minute Fund.	Agd. Ministers' Aid	Education.........	Gospel Missons....	Woman's Mis. So.	Total................
Beaver Dam. -	1 19	1 19				40					2 78
Bladen Union,	1 20	1 00			1 65	40					4 25
Cedar Creek,	2 18	2 75			2 85	1 70	2 25				11 73
Cape Fear,		2 05				70					2 75
Green Springs,	2 80	2 80				85					6 45
Great Marsh,		4 00			1 76	85	1 73		4 69		13 03
Hope Mills,	76			3 1	2 00	1 10	2 00	2 00			12 87
Judson,		1 25		1 25	25	75					3 50
Lebanon,		1 10	1 10		1 10	2 00					5 30
Manchester,		2 00			2 00	1 00					5 00
Mt. Pisgah,		2 00	2 50			50					5 00
Mt. Gilead,	1 50				50	70					2 70
Rockfish,	1 63	1 63				1 00					4 26
Sharon,	2 80	3 60	85	50		1 50					9 25
Shiloh,	39	1 38	50	26		50	64			1 00	4 67
Union Springs,			75			50					1 25
Rocky Mount,				3 00							3 00
Collection Minutes,						6 10					6 10
Collection Orphanage, paid to Johnson.					5 70						5 70
	15 45	26 75	5 70	8 10	17 81	20 55	5 60	2 00	4 69	1 00	118 59

James Thames,
H. M. Howard,
Finance Committee.

Examined and found correct.
J. P. Thames,
S. Willoughby,
Auditing Committee.

S. LETTERS FOR ALL PURPOSES INCLUDING THAT SENT OFF BEFORE ASSOCIATION.

Home Missions.	Education....	Church Expenses.	Other Objects....	Minute Fund....	Orphanage......	Aged Ministers' Relief..	Pastor's Salary.	Sent off State Missions.	Sent off Foreign Missions	Sent off Home Missions.	Education....	Associational Missions sent off
				65			100 00					
		14 85	16 95	90	1 65		75 00	4 00	2 20	2 00		
		30 00	6 08	2 60	2 85	2 25	125 00					
6 25		3 65		1 00			125 00		2 00	3 75	2 45	
		25 55		70			60 00					
				1 30			72 00					
4 00		2 14	12 70	1 30	1 76	1 73	85 55		(5 54 gospel mission)			6 41
14 81	2 00	98 00	41 03	1 35	2 00		50 00					
1 25				1 28			60 00		2 00	5 75		
		4 20	75	2 00	1 10	5 00	6 00	5 28				
		10 00	10 00	1 00	2 00							
				1 00	5 37		56 00					
				1 50	50							
				1 25	75 00							
				50	1 14	64	60 00					
50				1 50		1 00						
				50								

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OCTOBER 14, 15, and 16th, 1896.

OEFICERS:

R. A. HEDGPETH, Moderator, - -	Cedar Creek, N. C.
R. D. MELVIN, Clerk and Treasurer,	Rennert, "

TIME OF MEETING:

At Green Springs, Robeson county, Wednesday before the third Sunday in October 1896. Introductory Sermon by Rev. E. J. Edwards.

PARKTON INSTITUTE.

This Institution has just started its first session --a very prosperous session. Sixty-five students enrolled.

LOCATION AND BUILDINGS.

The Academy is situated in the North Eastern part of the county of Robeson; on the Wilson & Florence R. R., 16 miles from Fayetteville, and also in a county that is a dry county and is alive to education The building is 40 x 24, two story, Primary department up stairs, having a separate room for the children there are no hindrances to prevent the very best work possible.

Our buildings are new, comfortable, commodious and well furnished with desks, etc.

Firm but mild discipline is enforced. No whispering, communicating by word, sign note or otherwise is allowed during school hours.

Lectures on morals, etiquette, etc., are given from time to time by the Principal and others.

EXPENSES PER MONTH.

I.	Primary Department - - -	$1,00.
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VI.	Board from - -	$5,50 to $7,00.

For further information concerning the school, write to the Principal at Parkton, Robeson county, N. C.

GEO. W. NAYLOR, Principal
PARKTON, ROBESON CO. N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

LEBANON, October 14th, 1896.

According to adjournment, the Cedar Creek Association met with the Lebanon church to-day at 11 o'clock, in its 39th Annual Session. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. R. A. Moore, of Red Springs, from 1st Peter, 1st chapter and 22nd verse, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently."

After a recess of 45 minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, R. A. Hedgpeth. Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. E. J. Edwards, who read 23rd Psalm. Hymn: All hail the power of Jesus name, sung.

Roll of churches called. All present except Union Springs, the Association was declared ready for business.

Appointed: N. C. Thagard and W. S. Johnson Reading Clerks, and James Thames, J. S. Beard and Spurgeon Jones a Finance Committee.

Churches called and delegates enrolled as follows:

Beaver Dam—F. P. Smith, F. A. Horne, M. Hall.
Bladen Union—W. C. Riddle, W. K. Singletery, M. W. Tyson.
Cedar Creek—N. C. Thagard, G. W. Jackson, J. P. West.
Cumberland Union—H. Jones, G. W. Johnson, E. J. Edwards.
Cape Fear—Jas. Thames, C. Clark, Jas. Pate.
Green Springs—S. Jones, D. A. McNeill, L. C. Beard.
Great Marsh—W. S. Johnson, R. D. Melvin, A. C. Willoughby.
Hope Mills—J. G. Fisher, Fred. Byrne, H. E. Thompson.
Judson—H. B. Everett, W. H. Downing, R. L. Horne.
Lebanon—C. Butler, J. E. Cain, J. M. Devane.

Manchester—A. Overton, J. F. Jones, H. M. Howard.
Mt. Pisgah—O. Stanly, W. B. Coats, W. H. Smith.
Mt. Gilead—G. Tate Rackley, T. Bennett, J. R. Luther.
Rockfish—Z. B. Newton, J. F. Musselwhite.
Sharon—Sion Horne, R. M. Sikes, H. G. Beard.
Union Springs—not represented.

Letters from Green Springs and Mt. Pisgah, having petitions for next Session, were laid on table for the present.

The term of the officers having expired, the body went into an election of officers for ensuing year. Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth was re-elected Moderator, and R. D. Melvin re-elected Clerk and Treasurer.

An invitation was extended to corresponding and visiting brethren. Bro. J. C. Caddell of the *Recorder*, Rev. R. A. Moore of the Robeson Association, Bro. A. S. Hall of Fayetteville, M. W. Naylor from the South River, and C. E. Beard from the Bladen Associations accepted and were cordially received.

The Moderator appointed the following committees to select delegates to Baptist State and Southern Baptist Conventions: Henry Jones, Z. B. Newton. To select messengers to sister Associations: B. M. Smith, W. A. Beard, E. J. Edwards.

Adjourned to 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning. Prayer, Rev. E. J. Edwards leading.

THURSDAY—Morning Session.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional services conducted by Rev. C. E. Beard, who read the 10th chapter of John. Hymn, O for a heart to praise my God, sung. Prayer, Rev. M. W. Naylor leading.

The body was called to order, Moderator Hedgpeth in the chair. Roll called and absentees noted.

Churches not represented called—none. Minutes of yesterday read, corrected and approved.

Brethren J. P. West, J. S. Beard and J. F. Musselwhite were appointed a committee to nominate an Executive Board. Appointed: E. J. Edwards and J. G. Fisher a committee to name writers for next session.

Renewed invitation to visiting brethren. Rev. W. M. Page, and H. L. Hall Moderator of South River Association, presented themselves and were welcomed to seats.

The committee to select messengers to sister Associations reported as follows:

To Bladen—J. G. Fisher, W. S. Johnson.

To South River—E. J. Edwards, R. A. Hedgpeth.

To Robeson—J. G. Fisher, R. D. Melvin.

Report on Periodicals read by J. C. Caddell. Pending motion to adopt, the Association was addressed by J. C. Caddell. J. A. Oates, Jr., Z. B. Newton and W. R. Johnson.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

There has never been a time in our history, when there was a greater necessity for our people to be informed concerning the objects and interest of our denomination. This information will not only aid us in our efforts to do more and better work but it will also help us to counteract any errors or confusion which may arise in our churches. We would therefore urge that all of our people, who can do so, take and read all the good literature possible. We especially urge that the *Biblical Recorder*, the organ of our convention, and which for the past 63 years has been a faithful exponent of Baptist principles and Baptist progress, ought be in the homes of all our people. We also recommend the *North Carolina Baptist*, a paper worthy the patronage of our people. *Charity and Children* is the organ of our Orphanage, and contains weekly information which every Baptist ought to have. We would recommend that our Sunday Schools avail themselves of the liberal club-rates which this paper offers.

We especially recommend that our Sunday Schools patronize the Sunday School literature of the Southern Baptist Convention, printed in Nashville, Tenn. We recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal* which contains useful and interesting information concerning our Foreign Mission work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Caddell

Report on Bible Schools read by J. A. Oates, Jr., who made some remarks upon its adoption.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Christians need to utilize all possible agencies for the advancement of Christian work. The agency under the church next to the church, which is the greatest factor in this work, is the Sunday School. The importance is secondary only to the church organization itself. Therefore, every church should have one or more active Sunday Schools. To make them effective the church should give them its direct oversight. The church should elect its best man for superintendent and the very best members for teachers. We urge that Schools be kept open the whole year, that they use the Baptist quarterlies and provide all other helps possible. Further, that you give the Sunday School Convention your best co-operation.

Submitted,

J. A Oates Jr.

Recess for 45 minutes taken for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Report on Orphanage read by James Thames. Remarks were made by J. C. Caddell and R. A. Moore. Collection for same $6.00 taken up and paid over to Bro. Caddell.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage at Thomasville is one of the grandest things the Baptists of North Carolina have ever undertaken. It is now under the care of Bro. J. B. Boone. A large number of helpless children are there cared for, and trained in a way they should go. These children must be fed and clothed during the winter. Let each one of us help in this good work and encourage our churches and Sunday Schools to contribute to it. We also recommend *Charity and Children*, the paper published at the Orphanage. We believe every Baptist family ought to take the paper. It is interesting and instructive.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES THAMES.

The committee to select delegates reported as follows:

To Baptist State Convention—J. F. Musselwhite, A. E. C. Pitman and W. R. Johnson.

To Southern Baptist Convention—R. A. Hedgpeth.

At request of Treasurer, the Finance Committee was ordered to pay over to Bro. Caddell the amount in their hands for the Orphanage—$11.22.

Report on State Missions read by J. G. Fisher. Remarks by J. C. Caddell, J. G. Fisher and E. J. Edwards.

STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee have not the information at hand to enable him to write intelligently on this subject that is of such great importance to the advancement of the cause of Christ and the salvation of immortal souls. This is the groundwork of all our Christian work, therefore we request the pastors of all the churches of this Association to bring this subject more prominently before their churches, and we request the churches to endeavor to do more the ensuing year than ever before for State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
J. G. FISHER.

A fraternal letter from the Fayetteville church read. and J. A. Oates, Jr., W. B. Malloy and D. J. Breece received as fraternal delegates.

The committee to nominate an Executive Board made the following report: N. C. Thagard, Sion Horne, Z. B. Newton, W. S. Johnson, Henry Jones, J. S. Beard and Tate Backley.

Report on Foreign Missions by E. J. Edwards, and made the special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock, and Rev. W. M. Page to preach.

The letters from Mt. Pisgah and Green Springs were taken from the table, and proceeded to locate next session of this Association. Agreed to meet with Green Springs church, Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1897. Rev. E. J. Edwards to preach opening sermon.

Appointed Z. B. Newton and John M. Devane an auditing committee.

Report on Ministerial Support read by Henry Jones. Remarks by W. S. Johnson.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

This subject demands our careful consideration. That four fifths of our membership is Sabbath School scholars. Yet with the plain command of God's word, "He that preaches the gospel, shall live of the gospel." "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Sadly is Ministerial Support neglected in our midst. When our Savior gave the commands it was for our spiritual good. then with willing hearts and a known duty, we should loose the hands of our ministers of the cares of life, that they may do as the apostles of old, give their whole time to the study and preaching of God's word. These commands backed by our means and earnest prayers, we might expect to move forward as did the camps of Israel: Neglected would produce leanness of soul and barrenness of spirit. Respectfully submitted,

HENRY JONES.

Adjourned to Friday morning, 9:30 o'clock. Benediction by the Moderator.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association met according to adjournment. Minutes of yesterday read, corrected and approved.

Special order for this hour, Ministerial Support, resumed; remarks by Z. B. Newton, J. G. Fisher, W. S. Johnson, W. R. Johnson, N. C. Thagard, A. Overton, J. F. Musselwhite, R. A. Moore. Report adopted.

The committee to name writers for next session made the following report:

Foreign Missions, R. A. Hedgpeth; State Missions, W. S. Johnson; Home Missions, Z. B. Newton; Ministerial Support, W. R. Johnson; Orphanage, James Thames; Ministers' Relief Aid Eund, W. H. Downing; Education, A. E. C. Pittman.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. Newton, and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Some years ago the Fayetteville Baptist church, thought it best to leave the Cedar Creek Association, and whereas it has obtained a letter of dismission from the Robeson Association with the intention of re-uniting with the Cedar Creek Association, and whereas, since obtaining said letter, hard feelings or misunderstanding has arisen between some of the members of said church and some of the members of churches belonging to the Cedar Creek Association. Now therefore,

Resolved, That we deeply regret the state of feeling existing with some of the members, which seems to prevent the Fayetteville church from uniting with this Association, and that we will pledge ourselves to do all within our power to bring about a better state of feeling should the Fayetteville church finally decide to unite with the Cedar Creek Association.

Special order, Foreign Missions, taken up and report adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We learn from the Foreign Missional Journal that missions in foreign fields during the past year has been signally blessed. But with this encouraging news, we also learn that the work is being crippled for the lack of funds. Several of our missionaries are at home at present, waiting for means to return to their respective fields. Others who feel that the Lord has called them to this great work, are saying send us. The Board is without money and can do nothing, yet the command is ringing in their ears "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all people."

Brethren of the Cedar Creek Association, let us come up to the help of the Lord. and do more for this great work than we have been doing in the years past. Let us remember the words of our Lord Jesus how he said it is more blessed to give than to receive, and give liberally to the support of Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
E. J. Edwards.

Report on intemperance read by J. F. Musselwhite who made some remarks.

INTEMPERACE.

Among the many important subjects coming before our Association for consideration and discussion, none should be considerded of more importance than intemperance and the evil effects connected therewith. The Lord has commanded us to love our neighbors and in all things, we should be temperate. I believe it to be our duty as Christians to use our influence, energy and our prayers to place this gigantic evil beyond the reach of the rising generation, which has blasted the lives and the future hopes of so many of the best and brightest men. This evil is now and always has been creeping into the homes of our friends and neighbors, lesving widows and orphans to be cared for by others, and is carrying broken hearted mothers and grey haired fathers in sorrow to the grave.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. Musselwhite.

Renewed invitation to visiting brethren. Bro. Archie Johnson of *Charity and Children* presented himself representing the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville and addressed the Associoation. Recess for refreshments.

FRIDAY—Afternoon session.

Ordered that the Clerk have 350 copies of the minutes printed and he be allowed $10 for his services.

Agreed to have preaching each day at all future meetings of this Association.

Report on prayer meetings read by W. S. Johnson, who made some remarks and report adopted.

Prayer Meetings.

There is no subject that is of more importance than this. It is of the greatest importance that there should be a well organized prayer meeting in every church, and the way and manner in which the church takes interest in it is a fair indication of the spiritual condition of that church.

Upon this depends largely the success of the rest of the work; this is the place for all to work for the growth of the Christian graces that is so essential to the good of the kingdom.

I therefore urge upon the brethren and delegates of this Association to see to it, that there is a weekly prayer meeting in each of their respective churches.

We are commanded not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, and again they that love the Lord spoke often together. Again we are to admonish one another daily.

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. Johnson.

Report on education read by N. C. Thagard and spoken to by Archie Johnson of the Orphanage.

EDUCATION.

Every one is accountable for what he might know. He that neglects or refuses to inform himself falls short of his duty to himself, his family, his country and his God. We should take advantage of every means to educate ourselves and our children. It would be a blessing to those who thus improve their time and talents and a blessing to the church, to State and Nation, by thus giving our children the benefits of the various means. We have good schools almost in every neighborhood.

Let us take more interest in this work, put good religious papers in the families that onr children may inform themselves, not only as a Baptist people, but in general information.

Respectfully submitted,
N. C. Thagard.

Report on aged ministers' relief, read by Spurgeon Jones, and adopted.

AGED MINISTERS.

We feel that this part of the Lord's work is sadly neglected in this Association. Ministers who have faithfully served the Lord by preaching his gospel to an old age should be cared for.

Respectfully submitted,
SPURGEON JONES.

The Executive Committee made a verbal report which was referred to Clerk, who finds that the Board paid out last year: To E. C. Melton $10, to W. R. Johnson $28.50, on hand and paid over to Treasurer $52.95. The Clerk is unable to give an itimized statement of the work of the board from the information at hand.
CLERK.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolvee, That the hearty thanks of this bodv be, and are hereby tendered to this church and neighborhood for the very hospitable manner in which we have been entertaied during this meeting.

Auditing Committee made their report which was received:

Hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," &c., sung and the Association adjourned to time and place of next meeting.

R. D. MELVIN, Clerk.
R. A. HEDGPETH, Moderator.

A LETTER FROM FAYETTEVILLE CHURCH.

To the Cedar Creek Association:

DEAR BRETHREN: The resolution passed by you was duly received and carefully considered by us. We greatly appreciate the fraternal and kindly spirit manifested therein, and assure you that it is reciprocated by us.

We trust the spirit may continue between us, and that we may assist each other in work and prayer in the furtherance of the Lord's work in our midst. However, we deem it best for us to continue our relation for the present with the Association with which we are affiliated.

Again expressing our appreciation of your consideration of us, we are
Yours in Christ,
B. G. HOLLINGSWORTH, }
J. A. VANN, } Com.
CHARLES KENNEDY. }

From First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N. C.
November 9, 1896.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	By Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Died	Excluded	Males	Females	Total
Beaver Dam,	1	4	....	8	1	1	40	69	109
Bladen Union,	5	3	3	5	1	4	49	71	120
Cedar Creek,	6	1	1	....	5	4	83	164	247
Cumberland Union,	....	4	2	2	1	4	47	68	115
Cape Fear,	....	14	....	1	1	3	24	41	65
Green Springs,	4	3	6	10	2	2	47	75	122
Great Msrsh,	6	11	....	13	2	4	106	121	227
Hope Mills,	....	5	....	12	1	9	32	50	82
Judson,	4	4	4	6	1	4	52	80	132
Lebanon,	3	....	....	11	2	2	54	74	128
Manchester,	8	2	2	7	2	....	26	47	73
Mount Pisgah,	....	....	....	10	1	2	59	81	140
Mount Gilead,	....	....	....	5	3	4	24	26	50
Rockfish,	2	4	....	1	....	1	23	37	60
Sharon,	....	3	....	....	1	5	56	58	114
	39	58	18	91	24	49	718	1062	1748

Finance Committee Report.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	Home Missions.	Orphanage....	Aged Ministers	Education	Minute Fund..
Beaver Dam,......	.75	.50	....	....	.66	....	....	.25
Bladen Union,.....	7.26	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Cedar Creek, ...	....	10 36	....	....	3.79	....	....	2.00
Cumberland Union,	...	8 20	....	....	....	....	....	1.05
Cape Fear, ...	....	3·25	....	....	....	....	....	1.00
Green Springs, ...	5.85	7.25	1 51	....	2 10	....		1.46
Great Marsh, ...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1 18
Hope Mills, ...	2 00	....	....	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	.80
Judson,...........	....	....	2.64	....	....	....	....	1.10
Lebanon, ...	....	5.00	....	....	....	....	....	2.12
Manchester	2.00	2.00	....	.50	....	....	...	1.00
Mount Pisgah,. . .	1.58	2.52	....	1.89	.71	....	2.05	.75
Mount Gilead,.....	6.75	3.00	....	....	2.00	....	....	....
Rockfish,.	1.00	....	...	....	....	....	....	.75
Sharon,........ ...	1.00	3.45	....	1.00	....	...	....	1.00
	28.19	45.63	4.51	5 39	11 26	2.00	4.05	14.46

Examined and found correct.
Z. B. Newton,
J, M. Devane,
Auditing Committee.

James Thames,
J. S. Beard,
Spurgeon Jones,
Finance Committee,

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Minute fund	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education	Orphanage	Ministers' Relief.	Church Expenses.	Pastor's Salary.	Other objects.	Value Church Property.	Associational Missions.	Sunday Schools
Beaver Dam,	.25	.75	.50	....	....	.66	....	....	80.00	....	600.00	....	....
Bladen Union,	....	7.26	6 97	....	....	....	....	....	75.00	23.50	....	....	5.40
Cedar Creek,	2 00	....	10.36	....	....	....	....	18.72	120.00	....	....	11.92	....
Cumberland Union,	1.05	7 47	11 00	1.90	....	5 12	....	....	125.00	....	....	...	....
Cape Fear,	1.00	1.20	5 88	3.06	1.16	6.62	....	....	60.00	1.74	....	....	....
Green Springs,	1 00	5 85	1.25	....	....	2 10	....	....	70.00	....	....	1 51	....
Great Marsh,	1 50	....	5 59	....	....	1.90	2 93	25.00	86 65	1 45	500.00	9.23	....
Hope Mills,	.80	2.65	12.70	2 00	2.00	2 00	2 00	150.00	75.00	19.50	....	....	....
Judson,	1.10	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	50.60	....	...	6.04	...
Lebanon,	2 00	..	5.00	....	1.20	....	....	....	75.00	....	600 00	10.42	....
Manchester,	1.00	2.00	2.00	.50	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	...	....
Mount Pisgah,	.75	1.58	2 52	1 89	2.05	.71	....	....	...	...	....	....	....
Mount Gilead,	....	6.75	3.00	....	....	2.00	....	....	100 00	....	....	...	....
Rockfish,	.75	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	80.00	10.00	...	....	...
Sharon,	1.00	1.00	3 10	1.00	....	.82	....	....	70.00	11.88	....	....	11.06

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Time of Meeting.
Beaver Dam,	R C. Sandling,	Clinton,	P. P. Hall,	Clay Fork,	1st Sunday and day before.
Bladen Union,	J. W. Cobb,	Lumber Bridge.	M. W. Tyson,	Edonia,	1st " " "
Cedar Creek,	R. A. Hedgpeth,	Cedar Creek,	W. L. Hair,	Cedar Creek,	2nd " " "
Cumberland Union,	A. R. Pitman,	Rennert,	E. F. Jones,	Cedar Creek,	4th " " "
Cape Fear.	A. E. C. Pitman,	Rennert,	James Pate	Sherwood,	3rd " " "
Green Springs,	D. S. Bullard,	Roseboro,	Spurgeon Jones,	Parkton,	4th " " "
Great Marsh,	W. B. Harrell,	Dunn,	Joseph Allen,	St. Pauls,	2nd " " "
Hope Mills,	J. G. Fisher,	Roslin,	C. M. Lanier,	Hope Mills,	2nd " " "
Judson,	R. A. Hrdgpeth.	Cedar Creek,	R L. Horn.	Idaho,	4th " " "
Lebanon,	R. A. Hedgpeth,	Cedar Creek,	R J. Harrison,	Fayetteville,	1st " " "
Manchester,	J. W. Cobb.	Lumber Bridge,	H M. Howard,	Manchester,	4th " " "
Mount Pisgah,	A. E. C. Pitman.	Rennert.	W. S. Fisher,	Brunt,	1st " " "
Mount Gilead,	G. A. Bain,	Kyle's Landing,	J. R. Luther,	Dial,	....
Rockfish,	C. V. Brooks,	Lemon Springs,	D C. Rogers,	Hope Mills,	....
Sharon,	C. E. Beard,	Winnie,	D. B. Beard,	Cedar Creek,	4th " " "

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....HELD WITH THE....

CHURCH AT GREEN SPRINGS,

ROBESON COUNTY, N. C.

October 13th, 14th, and 15th, 1897.

OFFICERS:

R. A. HEDGEPETH, Moderator, - - -	Cedar Creek,	N. C.
ANDREW J. HALL, Clerk, - - -	Clay Fork,	"
W. S. JOHNSON, Treasurer, - - -	Saint Paul,	"

TIME OF MEETING.

At Beaver Dam, Cumberland County, Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1898. Introductory Sermon by Rev. R. W. Horrell.

North Carolina Baptist Publishing Company:
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PROCEEDINGS.

GREEN SPRINGS, October 13th, 1897.

According to adjournment, the Cedar Creek Association met with the Green Springs church to-day at 11 o'clock, in its 40th Annual Session. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. R. L. Byrd, of Abbottsburg, from Ephesians, 4th chapter and 3rd verse: "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

After a recess of one hour and ten minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth.

Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. O. J. Peterson.

Bro. N. C. Thagard was elected Clerk Pro Tem.

Appointed: Rev. R. W. Horrell and A. J. Hall Reading Clerks, and Heman Jones and J. S. Beard Finance Committee.

Roll of churches called and delegates enrolled as follows:

Beaver Dam—M. O. Bullard, P. P. Hall, A. J. Hall.
Bladen Union—E. G. Carroll, A. H. Tolar, E. G. Canady.
Cedar Creek—G. W. Jackson, J. K. Anderson, A. J. Guy.
Cumberland Union—E. F. Jones, Alex. Thagard, S. H. Johnson.
Cape Fear—Heman Jones, Charles Usher, G. L. Breece.
Green Springs—M. Cashwell, L. R. Hall, Joseph Baker.
Great Marsh—N. Allen, N. Selia, A. D. Biggs.
Hope Mills No. 2—J. F. Byrne, H. J. Bullard, Jno. Smith.
Judson—Jno. Sessoms, Guilford Horne, G. L. Godwin.
Lebanon—J. S. Beard, J. E. J. Cain, G. V. Beard.
Manchester—not represented.
Mt. Gilead—not represented.
Mt. Pisgah—W. H. Smith, Olen Stanley, W. S. Fisher.
Rockfish—J. F. Musselwhite, Z. B. Newton, D. J. Cashwell.
Sharon—D. E. Beard, J. G. Thagard, Alex. Faircloth.
Union Springs—not represented.

Letter from Beaver Dam having petition for next session, was laid on table for the present.

The term of the officers having expired, the body went into an election of officers for ensuing year. Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth was unanimously re-elected Moderator, A. J. Hall Clerk and W. S. Johnson Treasurer.

Ordered that the Treasurer be made *ex-officio* Treasurer of Executive Board.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren. Bro. J. C. Caddell, of the *Recorder*, Rev. O. J. Peterson, of the Pilot Mountain Association, F. A. Prevatt and R. L. Byrd, of the Robeson

Association, and G. B. Webster, of New Sunbury Association, Georgia, accepted and were cordially received.

An invitation was extended to churches desiring to unite with the Cedar Creek Association. A letter was presented from Rozier, a newly organized church, (Delegates enrolled as follows: J. G. Fisher, M. J. Barker, R. L. Baxley.) desiring admission into our body, and same was cordially received.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: To select delegates to Baptist State and Southern Baptist Conventions, N. C. Thagard and John Beard; to select messengers to sister Associations, Heman Jones, Sion Horne, J. G. Fisher.

The pastor and deacons of Green Springs church were appointed as a vigilant committee.

Rev. R. W. Horrell was appointed as a Representative of State Missions.

Ordered that there be enough of the State Mission Fund appropriated to pay the traveling expenses of Representative.

Subject of Ministers' Relief Fund discussed by Bro. J. C. Caddell. A call for pledges. Roll called and churches pledge as follows:

Bladen Union $3 00, Cedar Creek $2 00, Cape Fear $2 50, Green Springs $3 00, Great Marsh $3 00, Hope Mills No. 2 $3 00, Judson $1 00, Lebanon $2 00, Mt. Pisgah $1 00, Rockfish, $2 00, Sharon $2 00, Rozier $1 50.

Agreed that we recommend each church to take up a collection for the poor and report to the Association.

Vigilant committee report that Rev. G. B. Webster will preach at the Stand at 11 o'clock, A. M. and Rev. O. J. Peterson at 2:30 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned to 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

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THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator, Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth, who read the 19th Psalm. Hymn, "Jesus lover of my soul," sung. Prayer, S. H. Johnson leading.

The body called to order by the Moderator—Hedgpeth. Roll called and absentees noted. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Brethren J. G. Fisher and Alex. Thagard were appointed as a committee to suggest Executive Board.

Brethren W. R. Johnson and W. S. Johnson were appointed as a committee to select writers for the next Association.

Renewed invitation to visiting brethren. Bro. Archie Johnson, of *Charity and Children*, presented himself and was welcomed to a seat. Rev. E. J. Edwards was recognized as agent for *North Carolina Baptist*.

The sermon in the afternoon was dispensed with, and the Orphanage made the special order for 1:00 o'clock.

Agreed that the reading of report be dispensed with, and that the subject of Periodicals be discussed. Discussed by J. C. Caddell and Archie Johnson.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

There has never been a time in our history when there was a greater necessity for our people to be informed concerning the objects and interest of our denomination. This information will not only aid us in our efforts to do more and better work, but it will also help us to counteract any errors or confusion which may arise in our churches. We would, therefore, urge that all of our people, who can do so, take and read all the good literature possible. We especially urge that the *Biblical Recorder*, the organ of our Convention, and which, for the past sixty-three years, has been a faithful exponent of Baptist principles and Baptist progress, ought to be in the homes of all our people. We also recommend the *North Carolina Baptist*, a paper worthy the patronage of our people. *Charity and Children* is the organ of our Orphanage, and contains weekly information which every Baptist ought to have. We would recommend that our Sunday schools patronize the Sunday school literature of the Southern Baptist Convention, printed in Nashville, Tenn. We recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, which contains useful and interesting information concerning our Foreign Mission work.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. CADDELL.

The order dispensing with preaching at the Stand in the afternoon was reconsidered and arrangements left with vigilant committee.

Report on State Missions—report of last year substituted—read by Clerk. Remarks by J. C. Caddell, W. R. Johnson and Archie Johnson. A collection was taken up for State Missions amounting to $8 73.

STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee have not the information at hand to enable him to write intelligently on this subject that is of such great importance to the advancement of the cause of Christ and the salvation of immortal souls. This is the groundwork of all our Christian work, therefore we request the pastors of all the churches of this Association to bring this subject more prominently before their churches, and we request the churches to endeavor to do more the ensuing year than ever before for State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
J. G. FISHER.

Recess of forty-five minutes for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Churches not represented called. Letter from Mt. Gilead presented and delegates enrolled as follows: J. T. Townsend, Tate Rackley, Jessie Newton.

Letters from Rozier and Mt. Gilead, having petition for next session, were laid on table.

Report on Orphanage read by Bro. Archie Johnson. Remarks by Archie Johnson and J. C. Caddell. A collection taken up amounting to $10. A call for pledges, and churches pledge as follows:

Beaver Dam $3 00, Bladen Union $2 00, Cedar Creek $4 00, Cumberland Union $5 00. Cape Fear $10 00, Green Springs $3 00, Great Marsh $2 00, Hope Mills No. 2 $5 00, Judson $5 00, Lebanon $5 00, Mt. Gilead $3 00, Mt. Pisgah $2 00, Rockfish $15 00, Sharon $3 00, Rozier $1 50.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Twelve years ago the Baptist Orphanage was organized and located in the town of Thomasville. From the first the favor of the Lord has rested richly on the work. It has been a mighty factor in uplifting our denominational life. It is just entering upon a wider work than ever. There are now 160 children there, and if we had the furniture, there is room for 200. But we are sorry to say that there is poor encouragement to enlarge the work until the contributions from the churches are first enlarged. So far this year the treasurer reports about the same amount that he received last year. Two hundred children can consume more provisions and wear more clothes than 140. The Orphanage has but one source of revenue, and that is the people who love Christ. We would earnestly recommend that our churches enlarge their contributions during the coming year; and that our Sunday schools set apart one Sunday in the month for an Orphanage collection.

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHIE JOHNSON.

Report of Executive Board read by Bro. Z. B. Newton and adopted by the body.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

To the Cedar Creek Association:

The Executive Board respectfully reports that for the year ending October 13, 1897, it has employed missionaries at two points, to-wit:—Union Springs and Baptist Tabernacle.

Union Springs is an organized church, located near the Cumberland Mills and Bluff Mills. The church is very weak. Both factories have been shut down for some time, and most of the members have moved off. The church called Bro. W. R. Johnson, and the Board supplemented his salary—paying him during the year $31.50. The Board does not think it advisable to continue this point.

Baptist Tabernacle is located about eight miles West of Hope Mills. There are not many Baptists living near it. They are members of Mt. Gilead church, which is about eight miles Northeast of the Tabernacle. This is the extreme Western point now occupied by the Association. A temporary building was erected more than a year ago, which is very comfortable for summer but not sufficient for winter. This point was supplied by Bro. R. W. Horrell. For his services, the Board paid $17.00. A meeting of days was held by him, assisted by Bro. G. W. Griffin, which resulted in the baptism of five persons, three of whom joined the Mt. Gilead church.

The Board regrets to report that shortly after its organization it lost by death one of its most efficient members, to-wit:—Bro. Henry Jones.

On account of the extremely cold weather only two were at the January meeting. At the other meetings there was a full attendance of the Board.

In the absence of the Treasurer's report, the Board does not know what amount will be on hand after paying missionaries for the last quarter, but feels safe in recommending the payment of $25.00 by the Treasurer out of Associational Mission Funds to State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
Z. B. Newton, Chairman.

The committee to select Executive Board report as follows:

John Beard, Lebanon; Sion Horne, Sharon; Tate Rackley, Mt. Gilead; N. C. Thagard, Cedar Creek; W. S. Johnson, Great Marsh; E. F. Jones, Cumberland Union; W. C. Riddle, Bladen Union.

The tabled motions concerning the location of the next session of the Association taken up.

The next session convenes with the church at Beaver Dam.

Ordered that $25 00 of the associational mission fund be paid over to State missions.

The committee to select messengers to sister associations report as follaws:

To Robeson—W. S. Johnson, J. G. Fisher and R. A. Hedgpeth.

To Bladen—R. W. Horrell, W. C. Riddle and J. G. Fisher.

To South River—R. A. Hedgpeth, E. J. Edwards and W. R. Johnson.

Agreed that all money for the Orphanage be paid over to Bro. Archie Johnson.

Committee to select delegates to Baptist State and Southern Baptist Conventions, report as follows:

To Baptist State Convention, R. A. Hedgpeth, Z. B. Newton and R. W. Horrell.

To Southern Baptist Convention, no recommendation. Rev. R. W. Horrell was appointed by the body.

Ordered that the regular order of hearing and discussing reports be deferred 'till tomorrow, and that the other business of the association be taken up.

Ordered that it be recommended that the church covenant be inserted in the minutes of the association, also that a number of copies be printed in sheet form for distribution.

Agreed that the Finance committee be authorized to pay over to Bro. J. C. Caddell all of the State mission fund except $3 54, which is given over to Executive Board in order that (owing to the absence of Treasurer) they make a special payment.

Ordered that the clerk have 350 copies of the minutes printed and that he be allowed $5 00 for his services.

Adjourned 'till 9:30 o'clock Friday morning.

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FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association met according to adjournment. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator, by reading 1st division of the Psalms. Prayer: Rev. G. B. Webster leading.

Ordered that, when the minutes are printed, they be distributed according to amount of minute fund paid in from each church. The Moderator appointed brethren J. T. Townsend and Jno. T. Fisher as an auditing committee.

Agreed, that in the discussion of subjects, speeches be limited to 10 minutes.

Rev. R. W. Horrell was called to the chair and report on Foreign Missions read by Moderator Hedgpeth.

Pending motion to adopt, the association was addressed by R. A. Hedgpeth, S. H. Johnson, R. L. Byrd and G. B. Webster.

Pledges for same called for and pledges were made as follows:

Beaver Dam, $5 00; Bladen Union, $5 00; Cedar Creek $10 00; Cumberland Union, $5 00; Cape Fear, $10 00; Green Springs, $5 00; Hope Mills, No. 2, $10 00; Judson, $2 00; Mt. Pisgah, 2 00; Mt. Gilead, $2 00; Sharon, $5 00.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

After Christ had risen from the dead, and before he had ascended to His Father, He issued the following command: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."—Mat. 28:19. "Again, go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."—Mark 16:15. Again, "and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

Statistics tell us there are over six hundred millions of souls in heathen lands without the Bible, or Christ, or a knowledge of the world to come. The number is so great that the ordinary mind can scarcely grasp the number. Suppose all the heathen were arranged in a line two to each yard, the line would be 170,454 miles long, or more than enough to go around the world six and one-half times.

Although there were six hundred and sixty baptisms reported in connection with our missionaries last year, every Christian is called on to do all they can to put the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in reach of all persons in all lands. We should praise God for the progress of the work. In 1877, twenty years ago, we had sixteen missionaries and thirty-two native assistants, forty-eight workers in all. Contributions $32,276.00. In

1897 we report 190 missionaries and native assistants, 660 baptisms, 4,324 members, and $125,681.99 in contributions. We reccomend the *Foreign Mission Journal.*

Respectfully submitted,
ROWLAND A. HEDGPETH,

Subject of Home Missions deferred 'till later hour.

Report on Ministerial Support—report of last year substituted—read by the Moderator. Spoken to by R. W. Horrell, W. S. Johnson, G. B. Webster and F. A. Prevatte.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

This subject demands our careful consideration. Four-fifths of our membership are Sabbath school scholars. Yet with the plain command of God's word, "He that preaches the gospel, shall live of the gospel," "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," sadly is ministerial support neglected in our midst. When our Savior gave the commands it was for our spiritual good, then with willing hearts and a known duty, we should loose the hands of our ministers of the cares of life, that they may do as the apostles of old, give their whole time to the study and preaching of God's word. These commands backed by our means and earnest prayers, we might expect to move forward as did the camps of Israel; neglected would produce leanness of soul, barrenness of spirit.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY JONES.

Report on education. Report of last year substituted. and read by the moderator. Addresses by R. W. Horrell and R. A, Hedgpeth. Pledges for Ministerial Education are as follows:

Beaver Dam $1 00, Bladen Union $1 00, Cedar Creek $1,00, Cumberland Union $1 00, Cape Fear $1 00, Green Springs $2 00, Hope Mills $2 00, Lebanon $2 00, Mt. Gilead $1 00, Rockfish $3 00, Sharon $1 00.

EDUCATION.

Every one is accountable for what he might know. He that neglects or refuses to inform himself falls short of his duty to himself, his family, his country and his God.

We should take advantage of every means to educate ourselves and our children. It would be a blessing to those who thus improve their time and talents and a blessing to the church, to State and nation, by thus giving our children the benefits of the various means. We have good schools almost in every neighborhood. Let us take more interest in this work, put good religious papers in the families that our children may inform themselves; not only as a Baptist people, but in general information.

Respectfully submitted,
N. C. THAGARD.

Report on Home Missions read by Bro. Z. B. Newton. Remarks by Z. B. Newton, R. W. Horrell, R. L. Byrd and J. G. Fisher. Following pledges were made for same:

Beaver Dam $1 00, Bladen Union $5 00, Cedar Creek $3 00, Cumberland Union $4 00, Cape Fear $5 00, Green Springs $5 00, Great Msrsh $5 00, Hope Mills $5 00, Lebanon $3 00, Mt. Pisgah $2 00, Mt. Gilead $1 00, Rockfish $5 00.

HOME MISSIONS.

The work done by the Home Mission Board in Cuba alone should give it a high place in the consideration of this Association. While the work in Cuba is now checked by the rebellion there, let us hope and pray that it will soon revive and be even more successful in the future than in the past. In our own country, the work can be greatly enlarged by more liberal contributions from the churches. Let us do our part.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. B. Newton.

The Auditing Committee made their report which was received.

The committee, to name writers for the next session, make the following report:

Foreign Missions—Rev. J. G. Fisher.
State Missions—Bro. N. C. Thagard.
Home Missions—Rev. R. W. Horrell.
Ministerial Support—Bro. W. H. Downing.
Ministerial Relief Fund—Rev. W. R. Johnson.
Orphanage—Bro. J. F. Musselwhite.
Education—Bro. Z. B. Newton.

Agreed that we instruct our delegates to the Baptist State Convention to use their influence in the removal of Dr. Whitsitt as president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Agreed that the hearty thanks of this body be tendered to this church and neighborhood for the very hospitable manner in which we have been entertained during this meeting. Hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds &c.," sung and the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Beaver Dam, Wednesday before the third Sunday in October 1898, Rev. R. W. Horrell to preach the introductory sermon.

Andrew J. Hall, Clerk.
R. A. Hedgpeth, Moderator.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Ghost, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings; faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling; and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of these rules of our Savior, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant, and principles of God's word.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Foreign Missions,	$ 22 72
State Missions	24 99
Home Missions	7 70
Associational Missions	9 45
Orphanage	23 21
Ministers' Relief	9 22
Ministeral Education	2 25
Minute Fund	13 10

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES	TIME OF MEETING.
Beaver Dam,	R. A. Hedgepeth,	Cedar Creek,	A. J. Hall,	Clay Fork,	1st Sun. and day before
Bladen Union,	J. W. Cobb,	Lumber Bridge,	M. W. Tyson,	Edonia,	1st " " " "
Cedar Creek,	R. A. Hedgepeth,	Cedar Creek.	W. S. Hair,	Cedar Creek,	2nd " " " "
Cumberland Union,	A. R. Pittman,	Rennert,	E. F. Jones,	Cedar Creek,	4th " " " "
Cape Fear,	A. E. C. Pittman,	Rennert,	L. R. Ellis,	Sherwood,	3rd " " " "
Green Springs,	R. W. Horrell,	Hope Mills,	R. N. Cashwell,	Edonia,	4th " " " "
Great Marsh,	W. B. Harrell,	Dunn,	Joseph Allen,	St. Pauls,	2nd " " " "
Hope Mills,	J. G. Fisher,	Roslin,	H. E. Thompson,	Hope Mills,	1st " " " "
Judson,	E. J. Edwards,	Cedar Creek,	R. L. Horne,	Idaho,	2nd " " " "
Lebanon,	E. J. Edwards,	Cedar Creek,	G. V. Beard,	Beard,	3rd " " " "
Mt. Pisgah,	E. J. Edwards,	Cedar Creek,	Wm. S. Fisher,		1st " " " "
Mt. Gilead,	E. J. Edwards,	Cedar Creek,	J. R. Luther,		2nd " " " "
Rockfish,	R. W. Horrell,	Hope Mills,	D. C. Rogers,	Hope Mills,	
Roziers,	F. A. Prevatt,		Judson Willis,		
Sharon,	J. G. Fisher,	Roslin,	D. B. Beard,	Cedar Creek,	2nd " " " "

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Ministers' Relief.	Church Expense.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Objects.	Value Church Property.	Associational Missions.	Sunday Schools.
Beaver Dam,	50	....	7 73	....	....	1 00	....	12 50	100 00	.....	600 00	4 06	3 50
Bladen Union,	75	3 25	3 07	....	....	5 63	....	12 25	75 00	.....	600 00	2 53	4 86
Cedar Creek,	2 00	4 05	9 79	....	....	....	2 00	......	100 00	10 29	......	4 08	....
Cumberland Union,	1 00	5 00	9 65	2 05	3 00	5 42	4 44	......	125 00	17 07	......	1 50	....
Fape Fear,	1 05	4 32	8 08	3 56	....	10 87	....	......	50 00	25 52	600 00	.....	5 52
Green Springs,	1 45	5 00	6 42	....	....	2 06	....	125 00	60 00	.....	......	.....	3 50
Great Marsh,	1 05	1 85	4 55	1 11	....	3 48	64	5 88	76 20	11 16	......	7 81	....
Hope Mills, No. 2,	1 55	2 00	16 29	2 00	2 09	2 00	2 00	68 08	65 00	43 98	800 00	1 11	....
Judson,	1 65	2 18	2 07	....	....	2 96	1 49	......	60 00	4 21	......	79	....
Lebanon,	1 35	5 00	6 00	....	....	1 63	93	......	60 00	.....	500 00	3 85	75
Mt. Pisgah,	....	1 81	1 13	....	....	....	....	10 80	60 00	2 00	......	.....	....
Mt. Gilead,	95	2 50	2 00	....	25	4 10	....	......	100 00	.....	175 00	15 00	....
Rockfish,	1 40	6 86	1 45	1 45	....	2 05	....	......	125 00	1 25	250 00	1 38	....
Sharon,	1 50	7 95	10 86	4 28	....	85	25	......	65 00	10 00	......	7 03	....
Roziers,	1 00	...	.....	....	....	1 00	....	......	......	.....	......	90	....
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Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	By Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Died	Excluded	Males	Females	Total
Beaver Dam,	7	10	....	4	....	4	36	81	117
Bladen Union,	10	6	4	6	1	2	55	79	134
Cedar Creek,	2	....	....	6	3	3	80	158	238
Cumberland Union,	6	....	2	6	1	2	44	69	113
Cape Fear,	3	1	1	2	1	....	27	29	56
Green Springs,	6	3	3	14	3	1	42	80	122
Great Marsh,	2	3	....	24	1	5	89	115	204
Hope Mills,	1	4	....	1	1	3	29	43	72
Judson,	....	1	....	2	1	2	48	79	127
Lebanon,	2	1	....	4	2	2	53	73	126
Mt. Pisgah,	....	2	2	3	1	5	45	68	113
Mt. Gilead,	9	4	....	....	4	5	35	38	73
Rockfish,	20	16	....	1	1	1	31	63	94
Roziers	....	....	....	....	....	....	22	20	42
Sharon,	1	....	1	15	1	8	42	48	90
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Forty-First Annual Session

OF THE

Cedar Creek Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

Church at Beaver Dam,

CUMBERLAND COUNTY, N. C.,

Oct. 12, 13, and 14, 1898.

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OFFICERS:

J. G. FISHER, Moderator,	- -	Roslin,	N. C.
ANDREW J. HALL, Clerk,	- -	Clay Fork,	"
W. S. JOHNSON, Treasurer,	- -	St. Paul,	"

TIME OF MEETING:

At Mt. Gilead, Cumberland county, N. C., Wednesday, before the third Sunday in October. Introductory Sermon by Rev. R. W. Horrell, Alternate, Rev. R. N. Cashwell.

CHURCHES,	PASTORS,	POST OFFICE,	CLERKS,	POST OFFICES	TIME OF MEETING
Beaver Dam,	✓R. A. Hedgpeth,	Autryville,	AndrewJ. Hall,	Clay Fork,	1st Sun. and day before
Bladen Union,	✓R. L. Byrd,	Tolarsville,	M. W. Tyson,	Edonia,	1st " " "
Cape Fear,	R. L. Byrd,	"	J. P. Thames,	Sherwood,	2nd Sabbath
Cedar Creek,	R A. Hedgpeth,	Autryville,	N. C. Thagard,	Cedar Creek,	2nd " " "
Cumb'l'nd Union,	R. L. Byrd,	Tolarsville,	E F. Jones,	"	4th Sabbath
Great Marsh,	✓R. W. Horrell,	Saint Pauls,	Joseph Allen,	Saint Pauls,	4th " " "
Green Springs,	R. W. Horrell,	"	D. A. McNeill,	Hope Mills,	3rd " " "
Hope Mills,	R. W. Horrell,	"	H. E. Thompson,	"	1 sun & night b'fore & 3 sun
Judson,	R. W. Horrell,	"	R. L. Horne,	Idaho,	
Lebanon,	✓E. J. Edwards,	Cedar Creek	W. A. Beard,	Beard,	3rd Sabbath
Mt. Gilead,	E. J. Edwards,	"	J. R. Luther,	Dial,	2nd and 4th Sunday
Mt. Pisgah,	E. J. Edwards,	"	M. H. Hall,	Alderman,	1st Sabbath
Rockfish,	J. N. Tolar	Rennert,	D. C. Rogers,	Hope Mills,	1st Sabbath & night
Rozier,	J. G. Fisher,	Roslin,	M. J. Barker,	Saint Pauls,	3rd Sun & day before
Sharon	J. G. Fisher,	"	D. B. Beard,	Cedar Creek,	2nd " " "

PROCEEDINGS.

BEAVER DAM, Cumberland Co., N. C. October 12, 1898.

The Cedar Creek Baptist Association met with Beaver Dam church to-day at 11 o'clock, in its forty-first annual session. The Introductory sermon was preached in the absence of the appointee, Rev R. W. Horrell, by Rev. J. G. Fisher of Roslin, N. C. from Exodus, 20th chapter and 15th verse. "Thou shalt not steal."

After a recess of one hour, the Association was called to order by the Moderator Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth.

Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. S. H. Johnson.

Appointed: Rev. R. W. Horrell and Bro. J. F. Musselwhite as Reading Clerks, and John S. Beard and W. S. Johnson Committee of Finance.

Roll of churches called. A large majority responded.

Church letters were read and the messengers enrolled as follows:

Beaver Dam—J J. Bullard, P. P. Hall and F. P. Smith.
Bladen Union—Aaron Tyson, Z V. Tolar and M. W. Tyson.
Cedar Creek—J. K. Anderson, F. A. Rollins and B. M. Smith.
Cumberland Union—Letter not present.
Cape Fear—L. R. Ellis, R. L. Butler and J. P. Thames.
Green Springs—R. N. Cashwell, M. Cashwell and D. A. McNeill.
Great Marsh—W. S. Johnson, N. Allen and W. B. Powers.
Hope Mills—S. M. Sessoms, J. F. Byrne and J. T. Tolar.
Judson—W. H. Downing, Jno. Horne and Love McDaniel.
Lebanon—J. S. Beard, D. J. Smith. and Sidney Smith.
Manchester—Not represented.
Mt. Gilead—Bunyan Hales, Needham Hales and Robt. Rogers.
Mt. Pisgah W. S. Fisher, L. R. Hall and W. H. Smith.
Rockfish—J. F. Musselwhite, C. H. Cashwell and J. H. Rogers.
Roziers—J. H. Willis, W. R. Rozier ane J. G. Fisher.
Sharon—T. S. Davis, Alex. Faircloth and A. P. Smith.
Union Springs—Not represented.

Letters from Bladen Union, Cape Fear and Mt. Gilead having petitions for the next session, were laid on the table.

The term of the present officers having expired, the body went into an election of officers for the ensuing year, (appointed Rev. R. W. Horrell and Bro. J. F. Musselwhite as tellers) which resulted in the unanimous election of Rev. J. G. Fisher as Moderator and the re-election of A. J. Hall as Clerk and W. S. Johnson as treasurer.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren—when Bro. A. S. Smith and Rev. J. W. Downing from the Bladen Association accepted and were welcomed to seats with us.

Petitionary letters called for; no response.

The Moderator appointed Revs. W. R. Johnson and E. J. Edwards as a committee to select delegates to the Baptist State Convention and Revs. R. A. Hedgpeth and R. W. Horrell as a committee to select delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Appointed the male members of Beaver Dam Church as a vigilant committee.

Appointed Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth and deacons of Beaver Dam church as a committee on religious exercises.

On motion the present Executive Board was re-elected for the ensuing year.

Agreed that Rev. R. L. Byrd be substituted in place of Bro. W. H Downing as writer on Pastoral Support. That Bro. Isaac McGee be substituted in place of Bro. Z. B. Newton as writer on Education and that Bro. J. P. Thames be substituted in place of Rev. J. G. Fisher as writer on Foreign Missions.

The committees to select delegates to the Baptist State and Southern Baptist Convention report as follows.

To Baptist State Convention Revs. R. A. Hedgpeth and E. J. Edwards. To Southern Baptist Convention, Bro. J. F. Musselwhite.

Agreed that the reports be discussed in the order that they appear on the list, to-morrow.

Adjourned until 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

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THURSDAY--MORNING SESSION.

The Association met according to adjournment. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. R. N. Cashwell who read the 19th psalm. Hymn: "All hail the power of Jesus name." Prayer, Rev. J. W. Downing leading.

The body called to order by the Moderator. Roll of messengers called and absentees noted. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Appointed: Brethren J. J. Bullard and R. W. Horrell as a committee to select writers for the next session.

Renewed invitation to visiting Brethren—when Rev.. J. N. Tolar from the Robeson Association accepted and was welcomed.

The committee on programme report that there will be preaching at the stand by Rev. R. N. Cashwell at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Rev. E. J. Edwards is recognized as a representative of the North Carolina Baptist.

The regular order of business taken up. The report of Foreign Missions was read by Bro. J. P. Thames, discussed by Revs. R. W. Horrell and J. N. Tolar and same adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Subject of Foreign Missions has often been discussed, but never has there been a time when it should occupy the mind and heart of every Christian man and woman more than now. Still the command of Christ rings in our ears, "Go carry the gospel," and many are saying here am I, send me. Therefore we reccommend that all the churches make special efforts to raise all the money for this purpose possible, that we may push forward the cause.

We reccommend the Foreign Mission Journal.

Respectfully Submitted.

J. P. Thames.

The report on State Missions, (the report of last year substituted) was read by the Clerk and spoken to by Revs. R W. Horrell and J. N. Tolar. Report was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee has not the information at hand to enable him to write intelligently on this subject that is of such great importance to the advancement of the cause of Christ and the salvation of immortal souls. This is the groundwork of all our Christion work, therefore we request the pastors of all the churches of this Association to bring this subject more prominently before their churches, and we request the churches to endeavor to do more the ensuing year than ever before for State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

N. C. Thagard.

The letter from Cumberland Union was read and messengers enrolled as follows. E. F. Jones, A. J. Bedsole and D. K. Mintz.

Being that there was no one appointed at last session to write on Periodicals, Rev. E. J Edwards was appointed to write a report.

Rev. R, W. Horrell read the report on Home Missions. Remarks were made by Revs. R. W. Horrell, W. R. Johnson and the Moderator, (Rev. R A. Hedgpeth being called to the chair.) Report adopted, collection taken up for same amounting to $9 00, which was turned over to the Finance Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission field includes the entire South and Cuba. Since the organization of the Home Mission Board in 1845, it has been signally blessed of God. No department of our denominational work has yielded a more abundant harvest in proportion to the amount of money and work expended.

The field is divided into Cuban, Frontier, City and Mountain Missions; all of which are in a prosperous condition except Cuba, where the work has been practically stopped for the past two years. Our Missionary's having been driven therefrom by Godless Spain, leaving the work entirely in the hands of the natives. Since our meeting last year, God has brought us under renewed obligations to the Cuban Mission in not only opening a door to Cuba, but in breaking down the walls.

The entire Home field is now white unto harvest, and the call comes forth for more laborers which cannot be supplied without an increase of our contributions.

We therefore earnestly and in the name of Jesus appeal to the churches for an enlargement of their contributions to the Home work.

Respectfully Submitted,
R W. HORRELL.

Report on Pastoral Support was read by Rev. R. L. Byrd and discussed by Brethren R. L, Hall, M. H. Bullard, J. F. Musselwhite, N. C. Thagard and W. S. Johnson. Report was adopted.

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

This subject is one which is sadly neglected. Christ's last command was. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creatue." When our Savior gave the command, it was to be obeyed. "He that preaches the gospel shall live of the gospel." With willing hearts, we should loose the hands of our ministers of the cares of life, that they may give their whole time to the preaching of God's word and be more successful in winning souls for our Lord and Master.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. L. BYRD.

Rev. E. J. Edwards read and discussed the report on Periodicals and the same was adopted by the body.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

There is no greater factor in the education of the masses than the printing press. Therefore we, the great Baptist denomination of North Carolina should see that the minds of our people are properly trained. To do this, our denominational papers should be put into the hands of all our people.

The *Biblical Recorder*, *North Carolina Baptist*, *Charity and Children and Foreign Mission Journal* should be subscribed to by every family in the bounds of the Cedar Creek Associotion. The presses of these papers are in reach of all and we reccommend that this Association patronize them,

Submitted.

E. J. Edwards.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Association took a recess of one hour for refreshment.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

The body was called to order. The Moderator in the chair.

The report on aged Ministers Relief was read and spoken to by Rev. W. R. Johnson. Report was adopted.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS RELIEF.

Reliet of the aged men who have worn themselves out preaching the gospel and have no home and are dependent upon the charities of the Brethren of the State for bread and clothing. Therefore we reccommend those characters to the churches.

Respectfully Submitted.

W. R. Johnson.

The committee to select writers for next session presented the following report and same was adopted.

For State Missions	Rev. R. N. Cashwell.
" Home "	Bro. J. F. Musselwhite.
" Foreign "	Rev. R. L. Byrd.
" Pastoral Support	Bro. W. S. Johnson.
" Aged Ministers Relief	Rev. J. G. Fisher.
" Education	Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth.

On motion the letters from Bladen Union, Cape Fear and Mt. Gilead having petitions for the next session were taken from the table and proceeded to locate the next session. On motion unanimously agreed to meet with Mt. Gilead church.

Rev. R. W. Horrell was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon and Rev. R N. Cashwell was appointed as an alternate.

The hour of 2 o'clock having arrived, the body adjourned for preaching.

Rev. R. W. Horrell read the report on Home Missions. Remarks were made by Revs. R. W. Horrell, W. R. Johnson and the Moderator, (Rev. R A. Hedgpeth being called to the chair.) Report adopted, collection taken up for same amounting to $9 00, which was turned over to the Finance Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission field includes the entire South and Cuba. Since the organization of the Home Mission Board in 1845, it has been signally blessed of God. No department of our denominational work has yielded a more abundant harvest in proportion to the amount of money and work expended.

The field is divided into Cuban, Frontier, City and Mountain Missions; all of which are in a prosperous condition except Cuba, where the work has been practically stopped for the past two years. Our Missionary's having been driven therefrom by Godless Spain, leaving the work entirely in the hands of the natives. Since our meeting last year, God has brought us under renewed obligations to the Cuban Mission in not only opening a door to Cuba, but in breaking down the walls.

The entire Home field is now white unto harvest, and the call comes forth for more laborers which cannot be supplied without an increase of our contributions.

We therefore earnestly and in the name of Jesus appeal to the churches for an enlargement of their contributions to the Home work.

Respectfully Submitted,

R W. HORRELL.

Report on Pastoral Support was read by Rev. R. L. Byrd and discussed by Brethren R. L, Hall, M. H. Bullard, J. F. Musselwhite, N. C. Thagard and W. S. Johnson. Report was adopted.

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

This subject is one which is sadly neglected. Christ's last command was. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creatue." When our Savior gave the command, it was to be obeyed. "He that preaches the gospel shall live of the gospel." With willing hearts, we should loose the hands of our ministers of the cares of life, that they may give their whole time to the preaching of God's word and be more successful in winning souls for our Lord and Master.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. L. BYRD.

Rev. E. J. Edwards read and discussed the report on Periodicals and the same was adopted by the body.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

There is no greater factor in the education of the masses than the printing press. Therefore we, the great Baptist denomination of North Carolina should see that the minds of our people are properly trained. To do this, our denominational papers should be put into the hands of all our people.

The *Biblical Recorder*, *North Carolina Baptist*, *Charity and Children and Foreign Mission Journal* should be subscribed to by every family in the bounds of the Cedar Creek Associotion. The presses of these papers are in reach of all and we reccommend that this Association patronize them,

Submitted.

E. J. Edwards.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Association took a recess of one hour for refreshment.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

The body was called to order. The Moderator in the chair.

The report on aged Ministers Relief was read and spoken to by Rev. W. R Johnson. Report was adopted

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS RELIEF.

Reliet of the aged men who have worn themselves out preaching the gospel and have no home and are dependent upon the charities of the Brethren of the State for bread and clothing. Therefore we reccommend those characters to the churches.

Respectfully Submitted.

W. R. Johnson.

The committee to select writers for next session presented the following report and same was adopted.

For State Missions	Rev. R. N. Cashwell.
" Home "	Bro. J. F. Musselwhite.
" Foreign "	Rev. R. L. Byrd.
" Pastoral Support	Bro. W. S. Johnson.
" Aged Ministers Relief	Rev. J. G. Fisher.
" Education	Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth.

On motion the letters from Bladen Union, Cape Fear and Mt. Gilead having petitions for the next session were taken from the table and proceeded to locate the next session. On motion unanimously agreed to meet with Mt. Gilead church.

Rev. R. W. Horrell was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon and Rev. R N. Cashwell was appointed as an alternate.

The hour of 2 o'clock having arrived, the body adjourned for preaching.

At the close of preaching services, the body was again called to order by the Moderator.

Brethren, R A. Hedgpeth and D. A. McNeill were appointed as an auditing committee.

Invitation renewed to visitors when Rev. Levi Bryan from the Bladen Association responded and was welcomed with us.

The Executive Board made a report which was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

For the 1st quarter Rev. W. R. Jonson served two days at Cedar Falls for which he was paid $3.00.

2nd quarter Bro. Johnson reported eight days at Cedar Galls for which he was paid $ 12 00. Rev. E J. Edwards reported three days at Baptist Tabernacle for which he was paid $4.50.

3rd quarter Bro. Johnson reported four days at Cedar Falls for which he received $ 6.00.

4th quarter Bro. Johnson reported thirteen days at Cedar Falls for which he was ordered paid $ 19.50. Rev. R. N. Cashwell reported five days at the Tabernacle for which he was ordered paid $ 7.50. . Indebtedness $ 11.61.

N. C. **Thagard**, Chairman.

Pledges for the various objects called for and the churches pledge. See table of pledges.

Report on Orphanage read and spoken to by Bro. J. F. Musselwhite and Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth. Report adopted. Collection taken up for Orphanage amounting to $ 6.00.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Bible has told us in plain words, that pure and undefiled religion, is to visit the fatherless and the widows in their afflictions, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. The Baptist Orphanage located at Thomasville, N. C. is our institution and is a great work. We should encourage this work by contributing liberally to its support. By so doing, we can comply with our Lord's command, and visit those helpless boys and girls. We should urge our churches and Sunday Schools throughout this Association to stand by this noble institution in its mission of charity. We reccommend Charity and Children, the Orphanage paper, to our Sunday Schools as it will bring the people in closer touch with the work of the Orphanage.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. F. **Musselwhite**.

Adjourned until 9:30 Friday a. m.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Pursuant to adjournment the association met. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator. Hymn—"Come we that love the Lord." Prayer-- Bro W. S. Johnson leading.

The following brethren were appointed as messengers to sister Associations.

To Robeson—Rev. R. L Byrd and Rev. R. W. Horrell.

To South River—Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth and Bro. C. L. Thagard.

To Bladen—Rev. R. L. Byrd, Rev. J. G. Fisher. and Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth

Report on Education read by Rev. R. W. Horrell Spoken to by R. W. Horrell, R. A Hedgpeth and the Moderator, Bro. R. A. Hedgpeth being called to the chair. Report was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Knowledge is power. That there is an urgent need for education is painfully apparant to every one. That we need more schools, better schools and better schools no one wlll deny.

It is the duty of every parent and guardian to use their best efforts to give the best possible training to those whom God has entrusted to to their care. Therefore we would recommend that each church and community strive to establish and sustain more and better schools in their midst.

That a good high school be established and sustained in our bounds, and that every young man who contemplates entering the ministry use his best efforts to secure a liberal education.

Obediently,
Isaac McGee.

Having heard through R. A. Hedgpeth that the Trustees of the South River Baptist Institute, which is located at Autryville N. C. belonging to the South River Association, desires to have the co-operation of the Cedar Creek Association, Therefore it was ordered that this association indorse said school, and appointed the following committee, viz: N. C. Thagard, J. P. Thames, J. J. Bullard, R. A. Hedgpeth and A. J. Hall, to confer with like committee from the South River Association.

The auditing committee reported to have found the report of the Finance committee correct.

The Finance committee make their report and same is received.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

For	Minute Fund	$ 16 43
"	Associational Missions	6 93
"	State "	17 52
"	Home "	62 52
"	Foreign "	33 33
"	Orphanage	38 96
"	Aged Ministers' relief	10 64
"	Education	4 41
	Total,	$ 190 74

Agreed that the Clerk be instructed to expend ten dollars $10 00 for minutes and that he be allowed the remainder of the minute fund on hand for his services.

The Treasurer made a report and same was adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. R. L, Byrd and adopted by the body.

Resolved—That this body return their sincere thanks to this church and community for the very hospitable manner in which we have been entertained during this meeting. Hymn, "Praise God from whom all blessing flow," &c, sung and the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Mt. Gilead, Wednesday before the third Sunday in October 1899. Rev. R. W. Horrell to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. R. N. Cashwell alternate,

ANDRKW J. HALL, Clerk,
REV. J. G. FISHER, Moderator.

TABLE OF PLEDGES FOR ENSUING YEAR.

CHURCHES	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Orphanage	Aged Ministers Relief
Beaver Dam,	1 00	2 00	5 00	....	1 00	2 50
Bladen Union,	3 00	4 00	3 00	....	3 00	2 00
Cape Fear,	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 50	5 00	2 50
Cumberland Union,	2 50	5 00	5 00	....	2 50	2 50
Great Marsh,	5 00	5 00	5 00	....	3 00	2 00
Green Springs,	5 00	5 00	5 00	....	....	2 00
Hope Mills,	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	3 00
Lebannon,	3 00	5 00	....	....	3 00	1 00
Mt. Gilead,	2 00	1 00	3 00	....	1 00	2 00
Mt. Pisgah,	2 00	1 00	2 00	....	1 00	1 00
Rockfish,	5 00	2 00	5 00	2 50	15 00	3 00
Rozier,	....	1 00	50	....	1 00	1 00
Sharon,	....	....	2 00	....	1 00	2 00
	38 50	41 00	46 50	7 00	41 50	26 50

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Baptized	By Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Died	Excluded	Males	Females	Total
Beaver Dam,	..	1	..	1	1	3	34	77	111
Bladen Union	1	3	3	1	..	4	53	83	136
Cape Fear,	..	..	..	..	1	..	27	43	70
Cedar Creek,	8	..	..	4	..	1	80	157	237
Cumbl'd Union	5	5	1	5	..	..	43	71	114
Great Marsh,	13	9	1	8	..	1	99	124	223
Green Springs	15	3	1	6	..	4	47	82	129
Hope Mills,	13	16	..	5	1	4	32	54	86
Judson,	..	1	..	3	3	..	48	73	121
Lebanon,	..	..	..	8	4	5	48	70	118
Mt. Gilead,	5	7	..	..	..	2	41	42	83
Mt. Pisgah,	3	.	..	3	2	2	45	65	110
Rockfish,		4	2	3	1	..	33	62	95
Rozier,	14	4	1	2	..	1	30	28	58
Sharon,	..	..	1	..	..	4	38	51	89
	77	53	10	49	13	31	698	1082	1780

CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCHES	Minute Fund....	State Missions....	Home Missions...	Foreign Missions..	Education........	Orphanage........	Aged Ministers Relief..	Pastor's Salary...	Church expense...	Value Church Property..	Other Objects....	Associational Missions..	Sunday Schools...
Beaver Dam	1 00	2 96	73	2 89	....	1 82	....	100 00	....	600 00	....	1 41	2 50
Bladen Union	60	3 21	5 00	5 00	....	5 00	3 00	60 00	73 00	600 00	....	1 37	7 82
Cape Fear	1 00	4 20	3 30	8 76	....	10 00	....	50 00	....	500 00	....	....	4 24
Cedar Creek	3 00	2 64	3 22	9 93	....	18 55	3 59	100 00	2 50	500 00	7 57	5 25	5 00
Cumb'l'ndUnion	30	10 25	3 79	5 00	....	5 20	....	75 00	....	300 00	....	3 25	....
Great Marsh	60	3 00	21 48	2 13	....	2 00	....	85 38	....	300 00	....	4 99	....
Green Springs	1 00	5 58	10 00	5 00	....	8 68	3 00	80 00	....	400 00	8 40	....	6 00
Hope Mills	1 00	5 20	17 59	10 06	2 00	7 15	....	100 00	100 94	600 00	16 47	....	20 95
Judson	70	5 00	....	2 00	....	1 00	1 00	60 00	....	400 00	....	....	....
Lebanon	1 50	5 33	34	11 25	....	4 20	....	60 00	....	400 00	1 32	3 00	....
Mt. Gilead	1 00	2 20	1 00	2 00	4 60	3 00	....	....	....	....	....	1 35	....
Mt. Pisgah	80	65	2 00	2 00	....	2 00	1 00	50 00	....	....	....	1 33	3 25
Rockfish	1 00	1 00	12 25	....	1 41	9 65	60	100 00	....	....	....	....	20 00
Rozier	53	....	2 05	2 05	....	1 50	2 20	....	....	....	8 93	60	. .
Sharon	90	....	1 62	5 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	60 00	310 00	....	10 00	3 03	....
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I like the man who faces what he must
With step triumphant and a heart of cheer;
Who fights the daily battle without fear;
Sees his hopes fail, yet keeps unfaltering trust
That God is God; that somehow, true and just
His plans work out for mortals. Not a tear
Is shed when fortune, which the world holds dear,
Falls from his grasp; better with love a crust
Than living in dishonor; envies not,
Nor loses faith in man; but does his best,
Nor ever murmurs at his humbler lot,
But with a smile and words of hope gives zest
To every toiler. He alone is great,
Who by a life heroic conquers fate.

—*Sarah Knowles Bolton.*

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HELD WITH THE

Church at Mount Gilead

Cumberland County, N. C.,

OCTOBER

11TH, 12TH, AND 13TH, 1899

OFFICERS

J. G. FISHER, Moderator, Roslin, N. C.,
ANDREW J. HALL, Clerk, Clay Fork,
W. S. JOHNSON, Treasurer, Saint Paul.

TIME OF MEETING

At Sharon, Cumberland County, N. C., Wednesday, before the third Sunday in October. Introductory Sermon by Rev. R. L. Byrd. Missionary Sermon, Thursday at 11 o'clock A. M., by Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth.

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PROCEEDINGS.

MT. GILEAD, CUMBERLAND CO., N. C.,
October 11, 1899.

The Cedar Creek Baptist Association met with Mt. Gilead Church to-day at 11 o'clock, in its forty-second annual session. The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. R. W. Horrell of St. Paul, N. C., from first Corinthians, the 11th chapter and 26th verse: "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."

After a recess of 15 minutes the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. G. Fisher, who conducted religious exercises.

The Moderator appointed brethren R. W. Horrell and J. F. Musselwhite as Reading Clerks and N. C. Thagard and D. A. McNeill as Committee of Finance.

The roll of churches was called. A majority responded.

Church letters were read and the messengers enrolled as follows:

Beaver Dam—Alex. Hales and Andrew J. Hall.
Bladen Union—Aaron Tyson and M. W. Tyson.
Cedar Creek—E. H. Bullard, B. M. Smith, G. W. Jackson.
Cape Fear—C. H. Ellis and R. L. Byrd.
Cumberland Union—Represented by letter.
Green Springs—D. A. McNeill, W. S. Bramble, D. E. Canady.
Great Marsh—E. G. Johnson, A. D. Biggs.
Hope Mills .J. G. Fisher, John Bullard.
Judson—John Sessoms, H. L. Wallace.
Lebanon—D. J. Smith, C. Butler.
Manchester—R. P. Howard, representative without letter.
Mt. Gilead—Tate Rackley, T. H. Bennett, J. R. Luther.
Mt. Pisgah—A. J. Guy, Will McLean.
Rockfish—Isaac McGee, John F. Musselwhite.
Rozier—Jonathan Ratley, G. B. Ratley, Jas S. Rozier.
Sharon—D. E. Beard, J. G. Thagard, R. M. Sikes.

Union Springs—Not represented.

Letters from Bladen, Union, Cape Fear and Sharon, having petitions for next session were laid on the table.

The term of officers having expired, the body went into an election of officers for ensuing year. The rules were suspended and the following were elected by acclamation:

For Moderator—Rev. J. G. Fisher.
" Clerk—Andrew J. Hall.
" Treasurer—Bro. W. S. Johnson.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren when brethren J. C. Caddell and J. W. Cobb were recognized and welcomed to seats with us.

Petitionary letters were called for when messengers from Pine Grove Church stated that there had been a letter prepared from Pine Grove Church, but it was not present, and upon the statement the church was cordially received into our body, and messengers were enrolled as follows: W. A. West, Alex. McDougald, W. R. David.

The Moderator appointed Revs. R A. Hedgpeth and R. L. Byrd as a committee to select delegates to the Baptist State Convention, and brethren B. M. Smith and W. S. Johnson as a committee to select delegates to Southern Baptist Convention.

The deacons and clerk of Mt. Gilead Church were appointed as a committee on religious exercises.

The male members of Mt. Gilead Church were appointed as a vigilant committee.

On motion the present Executire Board, viz: N. C. Thagard, Tate Rackley, Sion Horne, W. C. Riddle, E. F. Jones and John S. Beard, were re-elected.

Agreed that the reports be discussed in the order that they appear on the list.

As the subject of periodicals does not appear on the list, brethren J. C. Caddell and J. W. Cobb were appointed to write on the subject. Also agreed that the subject of periodicals be first to be discussed.

Remarks by J. W. Cobb, J. C. Coddell and Isaac McGee.

The discussion of the subject was suspended until report was read.

The committee on religious exercises report that Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth will preach at the stand to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

Bro. R. W. Horrell, Messenger to Baptist State Convention of 1897, made a report and same was received.

Adjourned till 9:30 o'clock, Thursday, A. M.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association met according to adjournment. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. R. W. Horrell, who read the 23rd Psalm.

The body was called to order by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

Brethren J. P. Thames and E. G. Johnson were appointed as a committee to select writers for next session, and R. A. Hedgpeth and R. L. Byrd to select messengers to sister associations.

Rev. R L. Byrd was appointed to write on the Orphanage.

Bro N. C. Thagard was appointed to write on temperance.

The report on aged minister's relief was read by the Moderator. Remarks were made by J. C. Coddell.

Report was adopted, and pledges made for ensuing year. (See table.)

REPORT ON AGED MINISTER'S RELIEF.

This is a subject that justly appeals to the sympathy of every Christian, to aid the men of God, who have spent their time and power and means in building up churches, advancing the Kingdom of Christ and bringing souls to Jesus; visiting the aged and the poor, and comforting the troubled. It is not only a duty, but it should be a pleasure to be allowed to help feed, clothe and comfort them in their old age and lighten life's burdens when their physical strength has failed, and they are soon to pass away. J. G. Fisher.

Editor John A. Oates, Jr., from South River Association, was recognized and welcomed to a seat with us.

The report on State Missions was read by J. C. Caddell, who made remarks on the report. The report was adopted and pledges were made for ensuing year. (See table.)

A collection was taken up for State Missions amounting to $5.34.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

This is the department of our mission work designed to give the Gospel to the destitute of our own State. Our efforts in this direction have been greatly blessed. As a witness of this, many of our strongest churches, and most progressive associations have been aided by this Board.

We are attempting to raise $5,000 more than last year, and in order to do this our churches must increase their contributions over last year.

This year we have one hundred missionaries employed for all or a portion of their time.

The Board is now in debt to these men for the small salaries they are to receive. Will not this association in addition to increasing their pledges, give a cash collection to help meet the pressing demand now upon the Board.

Submitted, COMMITTEE.

The letters from Hope Mills, Rockfish and Lebanon were read and messengers enrolled.

Business suspended for preaching services.

After services adjourned for 45 minutes.

THURSDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The body was called to order by the Moderator.

Brethren J. F. Musselwhite and D. E. Beard were appointed as an Auditing Committee.

On motion the letters having petitions for next session, were taken from the table and proceeded to locate next session

On motion unanimously agreed to meet with Sharon Church.

The report of Home Missions was read by J. F. Mssselwhite and remarks made by Bros. J. F. Musselwhite and J. C. Caddell.

The report was adopted and pledges were made for ensuing year.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission field in the last two years has been extended and enlarged and at present embraces the Southern States, Cuba, and Porto Rico. There is now on the frontier 291 missionaries doing battle for the Master's cause. The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few; and the cry is still coming from the Frontier, the Mountains and Cuba, to send forth more laborers to that part of the Lord's vineyard, which can only be answered by an increase of our contributions to the Home Mission Board.

We therefore insist that all our people should realize that they have a personal interest in the work. The noblest and grandest work in which we can ever engage, is that of giving the gospel to the unsaved.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. MUSSELWHITE.

On motion agreed that the money on hand for Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions and the Orphanage, be paid over to Bro. J. C. Caddell.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. R. L. Byrd. Remarks were made by Bro. John A. Oates, Jr.

The report was adopted, pledges were made and a collection taken up amounting to $5 42.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Curse ye Meroz," cried the venerable prophetess, as she sang of the victory Israel had gained. What had the inhabitants of the country done? They refused to do—held back when appealed to; and when the day was won, the malediction against them rang out, "Curse ye Meroz," 'curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof, because they came not to the help of the Lord.'

Woe be to all who disobey God's commands.

We people who are called Baptists are daily doing it. Over eighteen hundred years ago Christ said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." How have we obeyed—how are we now obeying?

The answer is terrible in its condemnation to us.

There are about two million of Baptists in the Southern churches; yet how few have gone to teach the heathen, who are dying at the rate of one hundred thousand per day. If the present rate of sending the gospel to the heathen is not improved upon, there are millions who will fill Christless graves and a Christless hell.

In the name of the Master, let us awake from sleep and selfishness and send the God-called men and women to the foreign field, ere God comes and casts a curse upon us as he did upon Meroz.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. Byrd.

The committee to select Meassengers to the Baptist State Convention recommended the names of Brethren R. W. Horrell, J. F. Musselwhite and R. A. Hedgpeth.

The Committee to select delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention recommended the name of Bro. J. F. Musselwhite.

Adjourned 'till 9:30 o'clock Friday A. M.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. R. L. Byrd by reading 84th Psalm and singing hymn 115 of Manley's choice.

Body called to order by the Moderator.

On motion agreed that Rev. R. L. Boyd be appointed to preach the introductory sermon for next session, also agreed that Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth be appointed to preach a Missionary sermon at 11 o'clock on Thursday of next session.

The report on Pastoral Support was read by Bro. W. S. Johnson. Remarks were made by W. S. Johnson, E. G. Johnson, Isaac McGee, B. M. Smith, R. W. Horrell and the Moderator.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

This is a subject that is abused from both sides. There is one class that seems to think, from the way they act, that the Devil was right when he tempted Christ to turn the stones into bread for his support, or that God will support the ministers by miracles.

Then there is another class that seems to think that God has made the promise that his ministers should receive what was right and has gone back to Heaven and left the promise to be fulfilled by the weak efforts of sinful men that do not keep their own promises.

Hence there is continual strife. Both is wrong and is ungodly and brings reproach on the cause of Christ. In the first place all Christians should know that it is their duty to bear their share of the support of the ministry and in the omission of which they commit a sin that will be visited with trouble sooner or later.

And in the second case, all should remember that God has promised and He will fulfil and He does fulfil his promises.

So let us all seek to glorify God, being led by the Holy Spirit and we will be blessed in the discharge of our duty, admonishing others and teaching them that in giving for the support of the ministry they are blessed, and in failing to give, they are the ones to suffer and not the ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. Johnson.

The committee to select writers for next session made the following report and the same was adopted.

Your committee to select writers for next session present the following names:

State Missions—Rev. R. W. Horrell.
Home " R. L. Byrd.
Foreign " Bro. N. C. Thagard.
Pastoral Support—Rev. L. R. Ellis.
Periodicals—Bro. W. S. Bramble.
Aged Ministers Relief—A. J. Hall.
Education—Rev. J. G. Fisher.
Orphanage—Bro. J. R. Luther.
Intemperance—Bro. J. F. Musselwhite.

J. B. Thames,
E. G. Johnson,
Committee.

The report on Education was read by Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth who made remarks.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education should be the watchword of every Christian. It is the thing needed for strength and power. It equips for work, both in secular and spiritual work. It also gives inspiration to the masses, when possessed. Therefore we recommend education be urged and that the young who are to fill our places may be so trained that they can better fill our places. It is therefore necessary to have Associational Schools as feeders of our colleges and seminaries. Let us urge that we be more interested in the education of our boys and girls.

Submitted, R. A. **Hedgpeth.**

The report on the Orphanage was read by R. L. Byrd. Discussed by Rev. R. W. Horrell.

The report was adopted, pledges were made and a collection taken up amounting to $6.01.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

We are glad to report the Orphanage in better condition every way than ever before in its history. There are now 170 children in the Orphanage, whose only source of supply is the Baptist Churches of North Carolina.

No Legislature or Masonic or Odd Fellows Lodge stands behind it. It rests forever and alone on the voluntary offerings of Christian hearts.

Respectfully submitted,
R. L. **Byrd.**

The report on Temperance was read by Bro. N. C. Thagard.

Remarks were made by Brethren John A. Oates, Jr., R. L. Byrd, R. W. Horrell, E. G. Johnson and the Moderator, R. A. Hedgpeth being called to the chair.

Report was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

"Be temperate in all things" is God's injunction—in speech, in action, in appetite. "Be ye temperate," is conducive to peace, health and general wellfare. Being temperate in those things which would defile, should be practiced to the extent of total abstinence of alcoholic liquors in all forms. Wine, cider and distilled spirits are enemies to the human race, destroying more than the historical enemies, war, pestilence and famine.

We should not only abstain from its use ourselves, but endeavor to get others to abstain; and try to prevent its sale in any way. We condemn the giving or selling of wine or cider. We condemn moderate drinking among our membership; and advise withdrawal of membership from habitual users of strong drink as a beverage.

We further think it the duty of all good men to work for the overthrow of the liquor traffic at home and abroad.

Submitted, N. C. **Thagard.**

The Committee to select messengers to sister associations made the following report and same was received:

To Robeson—Revs. R. W. Horrell and R. L. Ryrd.

" South River—Bro. N. C. Thagard and Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth.

Bladen—Revs. J. G. Fisher and R. L. Byrd.

The Executive Board made a report and same was received.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

For the lack of funds there was no appointment at the last session of the Association. In January there was no meeting. In April Rev. R. N. Cashwell was employed to preach at the Baptist Tabernacle. In July his services were continued and at this meeting it was reported that a church had been organized with 31 members; males 15, females 16.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN BEARD, Chairman.

The Treasurer made the following report and same was received:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Oct. 12, 1898,	By balance on hand....................	$ 11 46
" " "	" Received of finance committee.... ..	189 51
April 29, 1898,	" Rec'd of finance com. at Rozier.....	29 99
" " "	" Collection........................	2 65
July 29, "	" Rec'd of finance com. Green Springs	13 38
		$246 99

DISBURSEMENTS.

Oct. 13, 1898,	Paid to A. J. Hall for minutes..........	$ 16 42
" " "	" " R. N. Cashwell........	7 50
Nov. 16, 1898	Sent " J. D. Boushall, State Treasurer,	169 15
March 8, 1899,	" " W. R. Johnson.	10 00
April 29, "	Paid " " " "	9 50
May 5, "	Sent " J. D. Boushall	13 85
July 29, "	Paid " R. N. Cashwell	5 95
Aug. 16, "	Sent " J. D. Bowshall.................	6 06
Oct. 11, "	Balance Association Missions on hand...	8 56
		$246 99
		$8 56

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. JOHNSON,
Treas. Cedar Creek Association.

The Auditing Committee made a report which was received:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your Auditing Committee, have examined the report of Finance Committee, and find the same correct.

J. F. **Musselwhite**,
D. E. **Beard**,
Committee.

On motion agreed that all money on hand be paid over to Treasurer.

Agreed that there be secretaries appointed to confer with the churches of the Association concerning missions. Secretaries appointed as follows:

For Foreign Missions—Rev. R. L. Byrd.
" State Missions—Rev. J. G. Fisher.
" Home Missions—Rev. R. W. Horrell.
" Education—Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth.

Ordered that the clerk be allowed $5.00 for his services and that the remainder of minute fund be expended for printing minutes.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth and adopted by the body.

Resolved, That this body return their sincere thanks to this church and community for the very hospitable manner in which we have been entertained during this meeting.

Hymn, "Blessed be the Tie," etc., sung and the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Sharon, Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1,900. Rev. R. L. Byrd to preach the introductory sermon. Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth to preach the missionary sermon on Thursday at 11 o'clock.

Andrew J. **Hall**, Clerk.
Rev. J. G. **Fisher**, Moderator.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	P. O.	CLERKS.	P. O.	TIME OF MEETING.
Beaver Dam......	O. P. Meeks	Clinton......	Andrew J. Hall .	Clay Fork..	1st Sabbath and day before.
Bladen Union	R. L. Byrd	Tolarsville ..	M. W. Tyson....	Edonia	1st “ “ “ “
Cape Fear	“ “ “	“	C. A. Usher	Sherwood ...	3rd “ “ “ “
Cedar Creek......	R. A. Hedgpeth.	Autryville...	A. B. Ward	Cedar Creek.	2nd “ “ “ “
CumberlandUnion			E. F. Jones......	“ “	
Great Marsh.....	R. W. Horrell..	St. Paul.....	Joseph Allen	St. Paul ...	4th “ “ “ “
Green Springs ...	“ “ “	“ “	D. A. McNeill....	Hope Mills .	3rd “ “ “ “
Hope Mills.......	“ “ “	“ “	H. E. Thompson.	“ “	3rd “ night “ “
Judson	R. N. Cashwell..	Parkton.....	R. L. Horne.....	Idaho	
Lebanon	R. A. Hedgpeth.	Autryville...	W. A. Beard....	Beard	1st “ day “ “
Mt. Gilead	E. J. Edwards..	Cedar Creek.	J. R. Luther	Dial	
Mt. Pisgah	J. O. Tew.......	Fayetteville .	A. J. Guy.......	Sherwood...	1st “ “ “ “
Rockfish	J. N. Tolar......	Rennert.....	D. C. Rogers	Hope Mills..	
Roziers	J. G. Fisher.....	Roslin	M. J. Barker	St. Pauls ...	3rd “ “ “ “
Sharon	J. G. Fisher	“	D. B. Beard.....	Cedar Creek.	1st “ “ “ “
Pine Grove.......	R. N. Cashwell..	Parkton	Jenkin David ...	Fayetteville	

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	By Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Died	Excluded	Males	Females	Total
Beaver Dam	..	2	..	1	2	2	33	76	109
Bladen Union	2	1	..	2	1	6	48	80	128
Cape Fear	1	..	..	2	1	..	25	35	60
Cedar Creek	4	..	..	6	1	1	79	154	233
Cumberland Union	..	2	..	5	1	1	39	68	107
Great Marsh	12	12	2	2	1	2	100	132	232
Green Springs	6	8	1	1	4	4	50	86	136
Hope Mills	14	7	1	9	3	1	33	67	100
Judson	..	3	..	..	2	..	48	73	121
Lebanon	1	2	..	2	..	1	46	72	118
Mt. Gilead	2	..	1	16	..	..	30	30	60
Mt. Pisgah	..	7	1	7	2	1	44	64	108
Rockfish	..	3	..	6	1	..	32	59	91
Rozier	3	1	..	2	..	1	29	29	58
Sharon	3	1	2	1	1	7	30	55	85
Pine Grove	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	16	31
	48	49	8	62	20	27	681	1,096	1,777

TABLE OF PLEDGES FOR ENSUING YEAR.

CHURCHES.	State Missions..	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Orphanage . . .	Aged Miniters Relief . . .
Beaver Dam	$2 50	$1 25	$2 50	$2 50	$1 25
Bladen Union.........	5 00	5 00	4 00	4 00	2 50
Cape Fear	7 00	5 00	7 00	10 00	2 50
Cedar Creek...........	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 50
Cumberland Union....		5 00	5 00	5 00	2 50
Great Marsh..........	10 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	2 00
Green Springs........	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 00
Hope Mills, paid $2 00.	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	3 00
Lebanon..............	3 00	5 00	1 00	2 00	1 00
Mt Gilead............	5 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	2 00
Mt. Pisgah	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00
Rockfish..............	5 00	5 00	5 00	15 00	3 00
Rozier................	1 25	1 00	50	1 00	1 00
Sharon	3 00	3 00	2 50	2 00	2 00
Pine Grove...........	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Judson	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	
Totals..........	$71 75	$69 25	$62 50	$67 50	$28 75

CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund	Asso. Missions....	State Missions....	Home Missions ...	Foreign Missions..	Orphanage	Education	Aged Minister's Relief	Church Expenses .	Other Objects	Pastor's Salary...	Value Church Property.....	Gospel Missions...
Beaver Dam....	$ 60	$ 1 70	$ 1 00	$ 75	$ 2 06	$ 1 00	....	$ 75	$ 6 00	$ 2 05	$54 00	$600 00	
Bladen Union ..	80	2 19	5 50	4 50	4 60	7 71	....	2.50	....	8 30	60.00	600 00	
Cape Fear......	1 00	1 05	7 23	3 30	4 61	14 00	2 50	2 75	8 35	14 36	60 00	600 00	
Cedar Creek....	95	2 16	3 37	4 13	3 00	3 25	....	....	39.81	8 75	100 00	500 00	
Cumb'l'nd Union	....	3 48	7 24	3 65	7 00	4 00	....	...	....	2 59	......	300 00	
Great Marsh ...	1 10	....	6 22	8 58	....	5 48	....	2 75	6 00	15 25	93 25	300 00	$10 50
Green Springs..	1 00	5 05	11 98	7 22	12 00	7 50	....	2 00	15 00	4 40	65 00	400 00	
Hope Mills	1 15	1 27	4 72	4 42	6 39	5 00	4 04	....	5 21	43 08	80 50	600 00	
Judson	70	....	2 01	....	2 01	1 00	....	....	....	....	.....	500 00	
Lebanon........	50	3 00	1 98	....	3 50	5 80	....	...	....	2.20	100 00	400 00	
Mt. Gilead......	1 00	81	2 60	....	2 00	4 31	....	75	....	....	......	300 00	
Mt. Pisgah	60	....	4 30	1 00	2 49	1 00	....	1 00	2 00	6 90	50 00	375 00	
Rockfish........	1 50	....	8 66	17 32	16 40	11 50	2 50	3 00	....	40 00	125 00	300 00	
Rozier..........	60	4 20	1 01	6 13	50	7 97	....	3 50	....	.....	.....	......	
Sharon	1 00	1 10	1 25	75	2 12	1 00	....	2 00	30 00	37 38	60 00	500 00	
Pine Grove.....	1 00	4 50	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	......	......	
	$13 50	$30 51	$69 07	$61 75	$69 68	$79 52	$9 04	$21 00	$114 37	$105 26	$847 75	$6,275 00	

Cedar Creek Baptist Association

1900

MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-Third Annual Session

OF THE

Cedar Creek
Baptist-Association

HELD WITH THE

Church at Sharon,

Cumberland County, N. C.,

OCTOBER

17TH, 18TH, AND 19TH, 1900.

OFFICERS:

J. G. Fisher, Moderator, Roslin, N. C.,
Andrew J. Hall, Clerk, ~~Roseboro~~, Hope Mills No. 2
W. S. Johnson, Treasurer, Saint Paul.

TIME OF MEETING.

At Rozier, Robeson County, N. C., Wednesday, before the third Sunday in October. Introductory Sermon by Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth. Missionary Sermon, by Rev. J. G. Fisher.

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PROCEEDINGS.

SHARON, CUMBERLAND CO., N. C.,

October 17, 1900.

The Cedar Creek Baptist Association met with Sharon Church to-day at 11 o'clock in its forty-third annual session. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. R. L. Byrd, of Tolarsville, N. C., from Job the 17th chapter and 9th verse, "The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger."

After a recess of one hour, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. G. Fisher, who conducted services Prayer was offered Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth leading. The Moderator appointed Brethren R. L. Byrd and J. F. Musselwhite as Reading Clerks and Geo. Howard and M. J. Barker as a committee of Finance.

The roll of churches was called. A majority responded.

Church letters were read and messengers enrolled as follows:

Beaver Dam—F. P. Smith, D. M. Beard, A. J. Hall.
Bladen Union—J. B. Underwood, Z. V. Tolar, M. W. Tyson.
Cape Fear—J. P. Thames, G. L. Breece, Albert Clark.
Cedar Creek—G. W. Jackson, P. M. Smith, F. A. Rollins.
Cumberland Union—Alex. Thagard, S. H. Johnson, A. J. Bedsole.
Great Marsh—G. M. D. Howard, N. T. Humphrey, S. K. Fisher.
Green Springs—J. R. Chasen, M. W. McArthur. J. H. Keneda.
Hope Mills—John Smith, N. F. McMillan, J. G. Fisher.
Judson—John Sessoms, John Horne, H. L. Wallace.
Lebanon—D. J. Smith, J. M. Beard, C. S. Beard.
Manchester—Represented by letter.
Mt. Gilead—Chas. Odom, J. H. Harris, Tate Rackley.
Mt. Pisgah—T. A. Hall, T. L. Tew, Geo. Autry.
Pine Grove—W. A. West.
Rockfish—Jesse Newton, J. F. Musselwhite.
Rozier—E. J. Biggs, S. O. Willis, M. J. Barker.
Sharon—John S. Melvin, H. C. Faircloth, D. B. Beard.
Union Springs—Not Represented.

Letters from Bladen Union, Cape Fear and Rozier having petitions for next session were tabled.

It being time for election of officers for ensuing year the following were elected:

J. G. Fisher, Moderator, by acclamation; Andrew J. Hall, Clerk, by acclamation; W. S. Johnson, Treasurer, by acclamation.

An invitation was extended to visitors. Rev. B. W. Spilman and Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth and Bro. John B. Downing, Moderator of the South River Association, accepted and were welcomed to seats.

On motion, agreed that tomorrow be given to Century Day.

Petitionary letters were called for. No response.

The male members of Sharon Church were appointed as a vigilant committee. The Deacons and Clerk of Sharon were appointed as a committee on Religious exercises.

Brethren W. R. Johnson and H. B. Downing were appointed to select delegates to the Baptist State Convention and Jesse Newton and D. E. Beard to select Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion, the present Executive Board, viz,: John S. Beard, Tate Rackley, W. S. Johnson, W. C. Riddle, Sion Horne, N. C. Thagard and E. F. Jones, were re-elected.

The letters having petitions for next session were taken from the table and proceeded to locate next session. On motion agreed to meet with the church at Rozier. Bro. J. C. Caddell, of the *Recorder*; Bro. Powers, of Georgia; Rev. S. J. Porter and Bro. Breece, of the South River Association, were recognized and welcomed to seats.

The report of Home Missions was read by Rev. R. L. Byrd. Remarks were made by Bro. J. C. Caddell. Pledges were made (see table of pledges). The report was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

By Home Missions we mean the work put forth under the Home Board for the salvation of souls.

The field embraces all the States south of and including Maryland, Kentucky, Missouri, together with Oklahoma and Indian Territory and the island of Cuba.

The work of the Board is divided into the following general departments: Mountain Regions, Frontier Work, Foreign Population, Work among the Negroes, and Work in Cities and Cuba.

The number of missionaries employed last year was 653, baptisms 6,552, Sunday Schools organized 512 with 14,768 teachers and pupils.

The Home Mission Board has sent out under annual appointment since its organization 7,270 missionaries who have reported 160,863 additions to churches, and have constituted 2,789 churches.

Verily, such work was appointed by our Lord. It is rich with His blessings now, and has the sure promise of His presence till the end.

Submitted,

R. L. Byrd.

Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at next session.

The Moderator appointed Brethren M. W. Tyson and J. F. Musselwhite as an Auditing Committee.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 o'clock. Hymn—"Nearer My God to Thee" sung, Bro. Powers leading. Benediction by Rev. R. W. Horrell.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association opened with devotional exercises led by Rev. J. O. Tew. At 9:30 the body began business. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved

Brethren H. B. Downing and G. W. Jackson were appointed a committee to select messengers to sister associations.

Being that the day was given to the "Century Work," on motion agreed that the programme be arranged for the convenience of the speakers.

Bro. H. B. Downing was appointed by the body as a messenger to the Baptist State Convention.

At 10 o'clock a very forcible speech was made by Rev. S. J. Porter upon the subject, "What Shall be the Special Aim of the Baptists During Next Century ?" After which prayer was offered, Rev. B. W. Spilman leading. Remarks were made by the Moderator, after which prayer was offered, Rev. S. J. Porter leading.

The letters from Mt. Gilead, Mt. Pizgah and Manchester were read and messengers enrolled.

Rev. J. O. Tew and Editor John A. Oates, of the South River Association, were recognized and welcomed to seats.

At 11 o'clock a forcible speech was made by Bro. John A. Oates upon the subject, "Study of the Baptist People," after which the body adjourned for forty-five minutes.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Ths body was called to order by the Moderator.

On motion the remainder of the programme was laid aside as the ground had already been covered.

Business was called off for Missionary Sermon, which was preached by Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth. A collection was taken up amounting to $6.67. Agreeing that the report of last year be substituted, the report on Foreign Missions was adopted. Pledges were made for ensuing year. (See table.)

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Curse ye Meroz," cried the venerable prophetess, as she sang of the victory Israel had gained. What had the inhabitants of the country done? They refused to do—held back when appealed to; and when the day was won, the malediction against them rang out, "Curse ye Meroz, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof," because they came not to the help of the Lord. Woe be to all who disobey God's commands. We people who are called Baptists are daily doing it. Over eighteen hundred years ago Christ said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." How have we obeyed—how are we now obeying? The answer is in its condemnation to us

There are about two million Baptists in the Southern churches; yet how few have gone to teach the heathen, who are dying at the rate of one hundred thousand per day. If the present rate of sending the gospel to the heathen is not improved upon, there are millions who will fill Christless graves and a Christless hell.

In the name of the Master, let us awake from sleep and selfishness and send the God called men and women to the foreign field ere God comes and casts a curse upon us as He did upon Meroz. Respectfully submitted,

N. C. Thagard, Committee.

The report on State Missions was read by Rev. R. W. Horrell, and very forcibly spoken to by Rev. B. W. Spilman. Pledges were made (see table). Report was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions means the giving of the gospel to North Carolina.

Our vast destitution, our growing centers, our undeveloped churches, the great future of our State, call loudly for this work. For several years this work has been blessing North Carolina, and is to-day a greater power than ever. One hundred missionaries regularly employed and a large host of volunteers are preaching the gospel in every section of the State.

Let us increase our contributions to meet the increasing need. Submitted. R. W. Horrell.

On motion agreed that all money on hand be paid over to the Treasurer.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read and received.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee have examined carefully the work of the Finance Committee, and are pleased to report the same correct.

J. F. Musselwhite, } Committee.
M. W. Tyson, }

Committee on Representation reported:

Southern Baptist Convention—Rev. R. L. Byrd.

Baptist State Convention—Rev. R. W. Horrell, R. L. Byrd, S. H. Johnson, J. G. Fisher, W. R. Johnson, D. E. Beard, J. F. Musslewhite, Andrew J. Hall.

Robeson Association—R. W. Horrell, J. G. Fisher.

Bladen Association—W. S. Johnson, R. L. Byrd.

South River Association—Andrew J. Hall, W. R. Johnson.

Agreed that Rev. J. G. Fisher be made a representative of Missions and Sunday-school Board.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. S. Johnson, who read 103 Psalm. Association began business at 9:30. Report of Executive Board read and adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Board has not done much work this year. At the Association, Bro. Cashwell was employed to preach at Union Springs, and continued through the year. At the meeting in July Bro. Tew was employed to preach at Manchester, and continued until the Association. Both of these are weak churches.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN BEARD, Chr'm.
TATE RACKLEY, Sec'y.

Agreed that each church in the Association be requested to take at least one collection to assist in building a meeting house ot Pine Grove. The Moderator appointed brethren Sion Horne and M. J. Barker to select writers for next session.

Pastoral Support—Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth.
Education—Rev. B W Spilman.
Orphanage—Rev. W. S. Johnson.

The committee to select writers for next session report as follows:

Foreign Missions—Rev. R. N. Cashwell.
State " —Rev R. W. Horrell.
Home " —Rev. R. L. Byrd.
Education—Bro. W. S. Johnson.
Pastoral Support—Bro. D. E. Beard.
Orphanage—Bro. N. C. Thagard.
Aged Minister's Relief—Rev. S H. Johnson.
Intemperance—Bro. D. D. Carlyle.
Sabbath Schools—Joseph Allen.

Respectfully submitted,
M. J. BARKER,
SION HORNE.

Report on Aged Minister's Relief was read by the Clerk. Remarks were made by the Moderator. Pledges were made (see table) and report adopted.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTER'S RELIEF.

This is a subject that concerns every Christian. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" is the command of our heavenly Master. In view of the fact that there are many who have responded to this command, and have devoted their time and means to the service of God, for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ, and for the salvation of lost souls; until in their declining years they have become poverty-stricken and helpless. We as professors of the religion of Christ, remembering that the Lord has ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel; and that He loveth the cheerful giver, should not be slow nor negligent in contributing liberally to their support and comfort.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew J. Hall.

Report on Pastoral Support was read by Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth, who made remarks. Remarks were made by Rev. B. W. Spilman. Report was adopted.

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

It seems to us that this is one of the important features of our Associational work, in order that the brethren may be more interested in the spread of the gospel. The more we can get people interested in the support of the gospel at home the better qualified they are to send the gospel to others. We are taught that they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel. The churches that support their pastors best are those that thrive most.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. Johnson.

Report on the Orphanage was read by Bro. W. S. Johnson. Remarks were made by Rev. B. W. Spilman. Pledges were made. Report was adopted.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage is a home where orphans are received, fed, clothed and trained. It is worthy of the consideration of every member of the church. Even all benevolent orgaration see the need of this work, and several have made arrangements to take care of the destitute children. Therefore we should work with heart and hand for this worthy object.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. Johnson.

Report on Education was read by Rev. B. W. Spilman, who spoke on the subject. Report was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The importance of education is no longer an open question among Baptists. We were the first as an organized body to advocate the free public education of all the people.

Wake Forest College has for nearly seventy years been the greatest factor among Baptists in developing North Carolina along educational lines. It is now in a more prosperous condition than ever before. Nearly 300 students are already enrolled. The old dormitory building has been remodelled, a new modern gymnasium is being erected, a school of Pharmacy, a prospective school of medicine, a school of Pedagogy and assistant professorship of law are among the improvements.

Our Baptist Female University at Raleigh is for women what Wake Forest is for men. Beginning its second year, it is already over crowded, although two new buildings have been purchased this fail. The debt on the institution is forty two thousand dollasr.

The Chowan Baptist Female Institute at Murfreesboro and the Oxford Female Seminary are doing good work.

Associational Academies are springing up and for the most part flourishing.

The Board of Education at Wake Forest College gives aid to worthy young men preparing in the ministry. About forty young men are being aided.

B. W. Spilman, Committee.

Report on Intemperance was read by Rev. J. G. Fisher. Remarks made by Peter M. Smith, W. S. Johnson and the Moderator. Report adopted.

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is the greatest and most general evil throughout our whole country, causing crime, trouble, sorrow, expense and death temporal and death eternal. Therefore we as an Association ask our people and our Representatives in the Legislature to do all in their power to check and suppress this evil and drive it from our land.

Submitted,

J. G. Fisher.

On motion agreed that the Moderator be appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon at next session.

Association voted $5.00 for Clerk and that the remainder of Minute fund be expended in printing minutes, requesting that they be apportioned according to amount of minute fund contributed by each church. The Treasurer made a report. Same was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	$ 8 55
Oct. 13, 1899, received of committee	161 52
Dec. 30, 1899, " G. M	1 75
April 29, 1900, "	34 60
July 28, 1900, "	24 12
Total	$230 54

DISBURSEMENTS.

Oct. 13, 1899, paid to J. C. Caddell	$135.32
" 13, " " Andrew J. Hall	15.00
Dec. 30, 1899 " R. N. Cashwell	3.00
Apr. 30, 1900, " "	6.00
" " sent to J. D. Boushall	32.74
July 30, 1900, " "	26.20
" " paid to R. N. Cashwell	10 50
" " " J. O. Tew	6.00
Total	$234.70

W. S. Johnson,
Treas. Cedar Creek Asso.

Bro. R. A. Hedgpeth presented resolutions of thanks to Sharon church and community. Same was adopted.

Resolved, That this body return their sincere thanks to this church and community for the very hospitable manner in which we have been entertained during this meeting. On motion agreed that the Chairman of the Executive Board be authorized to appoint any one as a messenger to Baptist State Convention that will inform him that they will attend.

Hymn "Blest be the Tie," etc., sung, and the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Rozier Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1901, Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth to preach the Introductory sermon. Rev. J. G. Fisher to preach the Missionary Sermon on Thursday.

Rev. J. G. Fisher,
Moderator.

Andrew J. Hall,
Clerk.

Financial Table.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Ass'n Missions.	Minute Fund.	Orphanage.	Ministers' Relief.	Education.	Other Objects.	Pastor's Salary.	Value of Church Property.	Other Expenses.	Expenses and contributions of S. S. and W. M. S.
Beaver Dam....	$ 2 50	$ 1 25	$ 2 50	......	$ 1 00	$ 2 50	$ 1 25	.....	......	$ 50 00	$ 600 00	$ 1 55	$ 5 00
Bladen Union...	8 94	6 72	7 87	$ 1 14	50	5 35	2 50	.....	$17 52	....	600 00	1 00	11 91
Cape Fear......	7 00	7 16	5 00	......	1 15	......	2 50	.....	5 00	60 00	1100 00	......	13 81
Cedar Creek....	5 16	8 01	11 00	.....	1 75	5 05	2 50	$3 00	.....	100 00	500 00	80	10 50
Cumb. Union...	4 20	7 16	3 11	.....	10 00	3 00	2 18	.....	5 00	100 00	300 00	21 00	10 00
Great Marsh....	11 02	16 52	12 27	5 33	1 25	5 00	2 26	.....	12 00	157 37	300 00	11 11	6 00
Green Springs..	8 53	5 14	7 13	......	1 00	5 71	2 60	.....	17 71	90 00	400 00	6 20	......
Hope Mills.....	20 82	11 45	11 55	3 71	1 00	7 00	3 35	2 55	......	125 00	800 00	31 30	31 49
Judson	1 25	4 50	4 50	......	70	2 00	......	.....	......	50 00	400 00	......	6 00
Lebanon	1 65	1 42	3 13	2 45	50	1 31	......	.....	.....	90 00	400 00	.....	......
Mt. Gilead	5 00	5 00	5 00	......	1 95	3 00	2 00	.....	......	100 00	300 00	......	......
Mt. Pisgah.....	2 27	2 49	2 32	3 49	50	4 00	1 10	.....	17 95	50 00	300 00	55	8 73
Pine Grove.....	1 00	1 00	2 00	......	......	1 00	1 00	.....	......	....	....	......	......
Rockfish	3 20	4 90	4 00	......	1 80	7 00	......	.....	......	150 00	400 00	......	70 81
Rozier....... ..	2 69	4 40	3 43	10 32	1 00	1 33	3 50	.....	8 00	.....	300 00	......	11 00
Sharon.........	3 00	3 00	4 34	2 85	75	2 00	2 00	.....	......	75 00	600 00	100 00	3 00
Total,......	$88 23	$90 12	$84 15	$29 29	$14 85	$65 25	$28 74	$5 55	$83 18	$1197 37	$7300 00	$173 51	$188 25

TABLE OF PLEDGES FOR ENSUING YEAR.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphange......	Aged Ministers' Relief.
Beaver Dam	$ 2 50	$ 1 25	$ 2 50	$ 2 50	$ 1 25
Bladen Union	7 50	6 00	4 00	5 00	3 00
Cape Fear	7 00	7 00	7 00	10 00	2 50
Cedar Creek	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	3 50
Cumb. Union	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 50
Great Marsh	15 00	15 00	10 00	5 00	2 50
Green Springs	7 50	10 00	10 00	5 00	2 00
Hope Mills	12 00	12 00	15 00	6 00	3 00
Judson	......	......	......	......	......
Lebanon	2 00	......	2 00	2 00	1 00
Manchester	......	......	......	......	......
Mt. Gilead	6 00	6 00	6 00	5 00	2 50
Mt. Pisgah	......	......	......	......	......
Pine Grove	2 50	1 50	1 00	......	......
Rockfish	5 00	6 00	6 00	15 00	3 00
Rozier	3 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	2 00
Sharon	5 00	4 00	5 00	5 00	2 00
Union Springs	......	......	......	......	......
Totals	$91 00	$80 75	$79 50	$72 50	$29 75

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	P. O.	CLERKS.	P. O.	TIME OF MEETING.
Beaver Dam	Wm. J. Melvin	White Oak	Andrew J. Hall	~~Roseboro~~ Hope Mills No 2	4th Sunday and day before.
Bladen Union	R. L. Byrd	Tolarsville	M. W. Tyson	Edonia	2nd " " "
Cape Fear	"	"	C. H. Usher	Sherwood	3rd " " "
Cedar Creek	M. A. Stephens	Lumberton	H. B. Downing	Cedar Creek	2nd " " "
Cumb. Union	"	"	E. F. Jones	"	1st " " "
Great Marsh	R. W. Horrell	St. Paul	E. J. Johnson	St. Paul	4th " " "
Green Springs	"	"	D. A. McNeill	Hope Mills	3rd " " "
Hope Mills	"	"	H. E. Thompson	"	1st and 3rd Sundays.
Judson	R. N. Cashwell	Parkton	R. L. Horne	Idaho	2nd Sunday and day before.
Lebanon	R. A. Hedgpeth	Autryville	W. A. Beard	Beard	1st " " "
Mt. Gilead	"	"	J. R. Luther	Dial	
Mt. Pisgah	J. O. Tew	Fayetteville	A. J. Guy	Sherwood	1st " " "
Pine Grove	R. N. Cashwell	Parkton	Jenkin David	Fayetteville	4th Sunday.
Rockfish	J. A. Campbell	Buies Creek	D. C. Rogers	Hope Mills	1st Sunday night, 3d Sunday
Rozier	R. L. Byrd	Tolarsville	S. O. Willis	Rozier	1st Sunday and day before.
Sharon	J. G. Fisher	Roslin	D. B. Beard	Cedar Creek	1st " " "

Membership Table.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Beaver Dam.	..	..	..	.	2	1	32	73	105
Bladen Union........	7	1	3	3	3	3	49	81	130
Cape Fear...........	..	..	..	2	1	2	24	38	62
Cedar Creek.........	2	3	1	5	3	1	78	154	232
Cumb. Union.........	5	..	1	3	..	1	40	70	110
Great Marsh.........	7	7	1	1	4	2	110	140	250
Green Springs.......	..	3	1	3	2	2	48	85	133
Hope Mills	9	10	1	3	3	..	41	72	113
Judson..............	6	1	..	10	1	2	41	72	113
Lebanon.............	2	..	..	10	..	..	45	55	100
Mt. Gilead	..	6	..	2	..	1	...	...	63
Mt. Pisgah	10	..	..	2	1	4	48	76	124
Pine Grove...	1	..	..	..	..	..	15	17	32
Rockfish............	..	3	..	5	..	3	32	54	86
Rozier..............	6	9	3	1	1	2	37	35	72
Sharon......	..	2	2	3	2	..	26	56	82
Total..........	55	45	13	53	23	24	666	1078	1807

Andrew J. Hall,

~~Roseboro~~, N. C

Hope Mills, no 2,

Cedar Creek Baptist Association

1901

MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-Fourth Annual Session

OF THE

Cedar Creek Baptist - Association

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT ROZIER,

Robeson County, N. C.,

OCTOBER

16TH, 17TH, AND 18TH, 1901.

OFFICERS:

J. G. Fisher, Moderator, Roslin, N. C.,
D. A. McNeill, Clerk, Cotton, N. C.,
W. S. Johnson, Treasurer, Saint Paul, N. C.

TIME OF MEETING:

At Cedar Creek, Cumberland County, Wednesday, before the third Sunday in October. Introductory Sermon by Rev. R. W. Horrell. Missionary Sermon by Rev. R. L. Byrd.

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PROCEEDINGS.

ROZIER, ROBESON CO., N. C.,
October 16, 1901.

The Cedar Creek Baptist Association met with the Rozier church to-day at 11 o'clock in its forty-fourth annual session. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth from the latter part 8th chapter Acts 5th verse, and preached Christ unto them.

After recess of one hour the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. G. Fisher, by reading the 15th Psalms and prayer by Rev. A. R. Pittman. The Clerk being absent, D. A. McNeill was elected clerk pro tem. The Moderator appointed Rev. J. W. Cobb and R. L. Byrd reading clerks and B. M. Smith and E. F. Jones Finance committee. The roll of churches was called and a majority responded; church letters were read and messengers enrolled as follows:

Cedar Creek—B. M. Smith, W. R. Johnson, H. B. Downing.

Cumberland Union—E. F. Jones, Alex. Thagard, A. J. Bedsole.

Great Marsh—Joseph Allen, N. T. Humphrey, W. J. Stone.

Green Springs—D. A. McNeill, D. E. Canaday, Judson Jones.

Mt. Pisgah—[illegible]. J. Guy, Neill McLean, Miles Autry.

Judson—John Horne, N. M. McDaniel, W. H. Downing.

Rozier—M. J. Barker, E. J. Biggs, R. L. Baxley.

Lebanon—D. J. Smith, W. A. Beard, A. Downing.

Hope Mills—N. H. Budd, J. M. Gibbs, John Smith.

Bladen Union—T. J. Riddle, J. C. Council, J. B. Riddle.

Sharon—R. M. Sikes, D. M. Beard.

Mt. Gilead—Chas. Odam, Chas. Bennett, S. J. Guy.

Cape Fear—Heman Jones, G. L. Breece, R. L. Butler.

Rockfish—D. C. Rogers, J. W. Fisher.

The letters from Cedar Creek and Bladen Unions having petitioned for the next session, they were tabled, it being time for the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following were elected:

J. G. Fisher, Moderator, by acclamation ; D. A. McNeill, Clerk, by acclamation ; W. S. Johnson, Treasurer, by acclamation.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren. Rev. S. F. Conrad, Rev. J. W. Cobb, A. R. Pittman, Moderator of Robeson Association, Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth, Rev. A. E. C. Pittman were welcome to a seat with us. On motion, Rev. S. F. Conrad was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon to-morrow at 11 o'clock. The male members of Rozier were appointed a vigilant committee. The Deacons and Clerk of Rozier were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises. Revs. S F. Conrad and J. W. Cobb were appointed a committee to write on Periodicals. Brethren N. J. Humphrey, E G. Johnson were appointed an auditing committee. Brethren R. W. Horrell, E. J. Biggs, M. J. Barker were appointed to elect delegates to the Baptist State Convention ; we, the committee, beg leave to report the following names : Revs. R. L. Byrd, J. G. Fisher, brethren E. F. Jones. H. B. Downing. Brethren W. S. Johnson and R. L. Byrd were appointed to elect delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention ; we, the committee, beg leave to report Rev. J. G. Fisher as delegate. Report on Periodicals was read by Rev. S. F. Conrad. Remarks by Revs. S. F. Conrad and J. W. Cobb and adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We could hardly over-estimate the newspapers as an organ for good or for evil. There is a wide discrepancy between the number of Baptists in North Carolina and the number of our papers read. Not more than one-tenth of the Baptists of the State take a Baptist paper. We especially recommend the Biblical Recorder, the denominational organ of the State, the N. C. Baptist, Charity and Children, Home Field and the Foreign Mission Journal as worthy of the patronage and support of all our people.

Submitted,

S. F. Conrad, }
J. W. Cobb, } Committee.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30 a. m. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Cobb.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association opened with devotional exercises led by Rev. J. W. Cobb by reading the 12th chapter of Romans. At 9:30 the body began business, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Letters from Bladen Union, Sharon, Mt. Gilead, Cape Fear, and Rockfish were read and delegates enrolled. Rev. Livingston Johnson, Secretary State Mission Board, was welcomed to a seat with us. Report on State Missions read by Rev. R. W. Horrell, and very forcibly spoken to by Rev. Livingston Johnson, and a collection amounting to $6.28. (For pledges see table). The report was adopted. State Missions means to us the giving of the gospel to North Carolina. Our vast destitution, our growing centers, our undeveloped churches call loudly for the work. State Missions, like other departments of our mission work, is of divine appointment. Our Saviour not only commands us to go into all the world, but commands us to begin at Jerusalem—making State Missions the foundation of all other branches of mission work. Let us, therefore, first of all answer the call nearest our door and give the gospel to every home in North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. HORRELL,

Visiting Brethren called for when Bro. Archie Johnson, from Thomasville, Rev. F. W. Stedman, from Korea, were welcomed to seat with us. Business called off. At this hour the Missionary Sermon was preached by Rev. S. F. Conrad from Matt. 28:19-20, after which we adjourned for an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called to order by the Moderator. The report on the Orphanage was called for and read by Bro. Archie Johnson Remarks by Bro. Archie Johnson and Prof. J. B. Carlyle and adopted. Collection of $6.10. For pledges see table).

RFPORT ON ORPHANGE.

There were 210 children at the Orphanage this year, which closed June 30, the best in its history. The place was improved by the enlargement of the Biggs house and the completion of the machine shops. The latter is now in operation.

The economy with which the institution is managed is shown from the fact that $4.38 per month cover the cost of maintaining an orphan. This includes all the running expenses of the institution, and three hundred Sunday Schools in North Carolina take a monthly collection and this has been very helpful. Coming as it does regularly through the year, we commend the plan to all the schools in the Association. The property of the institution is worth $50,000 and the value is constantly increasing. The Lord has set the seal of his approval upon it and our people are united and loyal in giving it their support.

Submitted,

ARCHIE JOHNSON.

Report on Foreign Missions called for. Report read and adopted. Remarks by Revs. F. W. Stedman, Livingston Johnson, R. W. Horrell.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Curse ye Meroz, cried the venerable prophetess as she sang of the victory Israel has gained, what had the inhabitants of the country done? They refused to hold back when appealed to and when the day was worn the malediction against them sang out: "Curse ye, Merez, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof because they came not to the help of God. Woe be to all who disobey God's commands, we people who are called Baptists, are daily doing it, and eighteen hundred years ago Christ said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." How have we obeyed? How are we obeying? The answer is in its condemnation to us. There are about two million Baptists in the Southern churches yet. How have we gone to teach the heathen who are dying at the rate of one hundred thousand per day. If the present rate of sending the gospel to the heathen is not improved upon there are millions who will fill Christless graves and a Christless hell. In the name of the Master let us awake from sleep and selfishnes and send the God-called men and women to the foreign field ere God comes and casts a curse upon us as he did upon Meroz.

Respectfully submitted,

Ordered that the Finance Committee pay the money over to Bro. Archie Johnson. The letters having petitioned for the next session were taken from the table and proceeded to locate the next session, when we agreed to meet with the church at Cedar Creek, Rev. R. W. Horrell to preach the Introductory Sermon and Rev. R. L. Byrd to preach the Missionary Sermon ; Revs. R. W. Horrell, R. L Byrd and Bro. H. Jones to select the Executive Board; Brethren John Smith, D. C. Rogers and Joseph Allen to name messengers to the different Associations.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30 a. m.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association opened with devotional exercises, led by Rev. R. L. Byrd by reading the 23rd Psalm at 9:45 The body began business. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Report of Executive Board read and accepted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We have not done much work this year but have supplied at Union Springs for 2 quarters and at Manchester for 2 quarters. We find these two churches in a weak condition and unable to support a pastor, and recommend these two for the consideration of the new Board.

Respectfully submitted,

N. C. THAGARD, Chairman.
W. C RIDDLE, Sec. & Treas.

Report of the Treasurer read and adopted.

The clerk was ordered to get up a programme for the next session.

Report on aged Ministers' Relief adopted. (See table for pledges).

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF.

This is a subject that concerns every Christian, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," the command of our heavenly Master. In view of the fact that there are many who have responded to this command and have devoted their time and means to the service of God for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ and for the salvation of lost souls until in their declining years they have become poverty-stricken and helpless. We, as professors of religion of Christ, remembering that the Lord has ordained that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel, and that he loveth the cheerful giver, should not be slow nor negligent in contributing liberally to their support and comfort.

Respectfully submitted,

Report on Education read Bro. W. S. Johnson. Remarks by Prof. J. B. Carlyle and Rev. S. F. Conrad. On motion it was adopted

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education is the art of bringing up and comprehends all that science of instruction and discipline which is intended to enlighten the understanding, correct the temper and form the manners of youth and fit them for usefulness in their future station To educate right a religious training is indispensable. We therefore recommend parents and Sunday School workers and all church leaders to be faithful in the discharge of their duty, and provide an institution for their training or education, We recommend Wake Forest College and Buies Creek Academy especially.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. JOHNSON

The Moderator appointed Rev. R. L. Byrd and Bro. E. J. Biggs to select writer for next session.

The committee appointed to select writers report as follows.

Foreign Missions, Rev. R. W. Horrell; State Missions, Bro. E. F. Jones; Home Missions, Bro. D. A. McNeill; Education, Bro. S. O. Willis; Pastoral Support. Bro. B. M. Smith; Orphanage, Bro. W. S. Johnson; Aged Ministers, Bro. M. W. Tyson; Intemperance, Bro. Heman Jones; Sabbath Schools, J. G. Fisher.

The New Executive Board was then named: Brethren W. S. Johnson, E. J. Biggs, E. F. Jones, Judson Jones, Tate Rackley, J. P. Thames, Morris Hall, for the next year.

Report on Intemperance read by Bro D. D. Carlyle. Remarks by Rev S. F. Conrad, Prof. J B. Carlyle, Rev. R. W. Horrell, and was adopted.

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

The evils of Intemperance in magnitude and ruinous results surpass all other evils in our country to-day. It is impeding the progress and crippling the influence of our churches. It is filling our prisons with criminals and our hospitals and asylums with its helpless and ruined victims. It is degrading the morals, corrupting society and blighting many of our happiest homes. It is sending its victims by thousands to a drunkard's grave and a drunkard's awful eternity. It is the duty then of everyone who loves his church, his State, or humanity to use every means in his power for the suppression of this evil. There was never a time when so much depended upon our efforts as within the next twelve months Then let us begin now—trusting in God's strength, remembering the triumphs of His people in the past and work as never before for the suppression of the evil in our midst.

Respectfully submitted,
D. D, CARLYLE.

On motion, Rev J. G. Fisher, Rev. R W. Horrell and D. A. McNeill were appointed a committee to work for Prohibition in Cumberland.

On motion we adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. The Committee on Representation reported: Robeson, Rev. J. G. Fisher, D A McNeill; Bladen, Rev. R. W. Horrell; South River, E. F. Jones, R. W. Horrell. Report on Home Missions read by Rev. R. L. Byrd. Remarks by Rev. R. L. Byrd and adoped.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The doctrine of Home Missions is as old as Christianity and the work of the world's evangelization After the glorious resurrection of our Lord from the dead he said unto his deciples, "Thus it is written and thus it behooved Christ to suffer and rise from the dead the third day, and that remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. His deciples must first establish the truth at home, and then carry the news of salvation to the earth's remotest bounds, so with this end in view the Home Mission Board was established in 1845. The field of the Board includes all the States south of Maryland, with Oklahoma, Indian Territory and the island of Cuba. The work of the Board is divided into the following general departments: Mountain region, frontier work, foreign population, work among the Negroes, work in cities and in

Cuba. Each department has missionaries who are dependent upon the Board for support. The Board must depend upon us.

Respectfully,

R. L. Byrd.

The Sabbath School work was discussed without any report by Bro. M. J. Barker and Prof. J. B. Carlyle. The auditing committee have examined carefully the work of the Finance Committee and are pleased to report the same correct.

N. Y. HUMPHREY, } Committee.
E. G. JOHNSON, }

The Association voted $5.00 for clerk and the balance on hand of Treasurer be paid over for minute funds.

Resolved that this body return their sincere thanks to this church and community for the hospitable manner in which we were entertained during this Association.

Hymn, "Bless be the tie," was sung and the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Cedar Creek Wednesday before 3rd Sunday in October, 1902, Rev. R. W. Horrell to preach the Introductory Sermon, Rev. R. L. Byrd to preach the Missionary Sermon on Thursday.

D. A. MCNEILL, REV. J. G. FISHER,
Clerk Moderator.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

(For the Year Ending October 16, 1901.)

RECEIPTS.

Oct. 18 1900 balance on hand	$ 4 17
" received of Finance Committee	163 25
March 31, 1900 " " "	4 51
Collected at Cape Fear	2 60
" Great Marsh	1 60
Total	$176 13

DISBURSEMENTS.

Oct. 18, 1900, paid to A. J. Hall, Clerk	$ 14 85
Oct. 22 1900, " J. O Tew	10 50
Oct 24, 1900, " J. W. Bailey	127 00
Jan 28, 1901, " J. O. Tew	3 00
Jan. 28, 1901, " R N. Cashwell	4 00
Mar 31, 1901, " J O. Tew	4 50
Mar. 31, 1901, " R. N. Cashwell	8 00
Postage	24
Oct. 16, 1901, balance on hand	4 04
Total	$176 13

Balance on hand.... $4 04

W. S. Johnson, Treasurer.

TABLE OF PLEDGES FOR ENSUING YEAR.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Aged Ministers' Relief.
Beaver Dam...........	$ 3 00	$ 1 25	$ 2 50	$ 2 50	$ 1 25
Bladen Union..........	7 50	6 00	4 00	5 00	2 50
Cape Fear...........	5 00	7 00	7 00	10 00	1 00
Cedar Creek...........	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	3 50
Cumberland Union....	7 50	5 00	5 00	7 50	3 00
Great Marsh	10 00	15 00	10 00	5 00	2 50
Green Springs.........	7 50	10 00	10 00	10 00	2 00
Hope Mills	15 00	12 00	15 00	6 00	3 00
Judson	.....	......	......	1 00	1 00
Lebanon........	.....	......	2 00	2 00	......
Manchester............	......	.....	......	......	......
Mt. Gilead........	3 00	6 00	6 00	5 00	2 00
Mt. Pizgah	2 00	......	......	2 00	1 00
Pine Grove..	.....	......	......	......	......
Rockfish..............	6 00	6 00	6 00	25 00	3 00
Rozier................	5 00	2 00	1 00	4 00	2 00
Sharon................	5 00	4 00	5 00	5 00	2 00
Union Springs.........	.....	......	......	......	......
Total.............	86 50	79 25	78 50	95 00	29 75

Financial Table.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Ass'nal Missions.	Minute Fund.	Orphanage.	Minister's Relief.	Education.	Other Objects.	Pastor's Salary.	Value of Church Property.	Expenses and contributions of S S. and W. M. S.
Bladen Union...	$ 2 15	$ 7 06	$ 3 11	$ 6 29	......	$ 2 05	......	......	$32 76	$ 60 00	$ 500 00	......
Cape Fear......	7 00	7 00	10 00	.....	$ 1 00	10 00	$ 3 50	......	22 55	60 00	1500 00	......
Cedar Creek....	5 00	5 86	7 19	5 32	1 65	5 00	3 64	......	20 08	100 00	500 00	......
Cumo Union...	5 00	5 00	5 00	......	......	5 00	1 12	$5 00	3 70	100 00	......	......
Great Marsh....	20 00	15 00	15 00	2 03	75	5 00	2 50	......	14 52	87 57	......	$2 10
Green Springs..	11 59	11 62	15 25	......	1 00	5 00	2 00	......	......	90 00	400 00	......
Hope Mills......	15 72	12 00	20 00	......	1 20	10 00	3 00	......	47 57	125 00	300 00	......
Judson........	6 00	1 51	1 51	......	50	......	......	......	......	48 00	......	......
Lebanon........	......	......	......	2 73	......	......	......	......	2 00	60 00	400 00	......
Mt. Gilead......	2 00	10 15	10 00	......	1 00	7 48	1 00	......	7 41	......	300 00	......
Mt. Pizgah.....	2 00	......	81	2 10	1 00	1 50	......	......	4 41	50 00	275 00	......
Rockfish........	19 90	21 16	25 25	......	2 00	3 00	3 00	......	62 75	150 00	400 00	......
Rozier	2 54	4 21	4 31	10 25	55	2 41	5 68	......	46 60	50 00	600 00	......
Sharon.........	5 00	4 00	5 00	......	1 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	9 55	75 00	800 00	......
Total	100 70	104 59	122 30	28 72	11 65	61 94	27 44	7 00	275 76	1055 57	5875 00	2 10

MEMBERSHIP TABLE.

CBURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Beaver Dam........	..	....	..	....	..	..	....	....	....
Blader Union.......	1	1	2	....	4	2	46	79	125
Cape Fear..........	..	1	1	....	..	..	16	28	44
Cedar Creek........	10	....	3	....	3	3	79	151	230
Cumberland Union..	7	...	2	....	5	..	37	68	105
Great Marsh........	5	....	3	....	2	5	85	136	224
Green Springs......	9	2	3	....	8	..	50	88	138
Hope Mills	13	14	1	....	1	1	50	83	133
Judson	1	1	1	....	..	..	43	72	115
Lebanon............	..	....	..	....	2	..	44	53	97
Mt. Gilead..........	4	2	..	....	..	..	35	35	70
Mt. Pisgah..........	1	7	.	....	..	4	48	73	121
Pine Grove.........	..	....	..	....	..	..	....	....	..
Rockfish	16	17	..	....	2	..	44	69	113
Rozier	..	2	1	....	3	1	33	33	66
Sharen..	4	3	5	....	2	1	31	52	83
Manchester	..	....	..	....	..	..	....	....	....
Union Springs.....	..	....	..	....	..	..	...	....	....
Total...... ...	73	50	22	....	31	17	641	1018	1659

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	P. O.	CLERK.	P. O.	TIME OF MEETING.
Beaver Dam	J. G. Fisher	Roslin	Pres. Hall	Clay Fork	4th Sunday and day before.
Bladen Union.M	R. L. Byrd	Tolarsville	M. B Tyson	Edcnia	" "
Cape Fear	"	"	J. P. Thames	Sherwood	3rd Sunday "
Cedar Creek	M. A. Stephens	Cedar Creek	H. B. Downing	Cedar Creek	2nd Sunday "
Cumb. Union	"	"	E. F. Jones	"	1st Sunday "
Great Marsh	R. W. Horrell	Fayetteville	C. J. Johnson	St. Pauls,	4th Sunday "
Green Springs	"	"	D. A. McNeill	Cotton	3rd Sunday "
Hope Mills	"	"	H. E. Thompson	"	1st Sunday "
Judson	M. A. Stephens	Cedar Creek	R. L. Horne	Idaho	4th Suuday "
Lebanon	T. J. Baker	Parkton	W. A. Beard	Beard	2nd Sunday "
Mt. Gilead	R. A. Hedgpeth		J. N. Luther	Fayetteville	4th Sunday "
Mt. Pisgah	J. O. Tew	Fayetteville	A. J. Guy	Sherwood	1st Sunday "
Pine Grove	R. N. Cashwell	Parkton			
Rockfish	W. C. Barrett	Buies Creek	D. C. Rogers	Hope Mills	4th Sunday "
Rozier	R. L. Byrd	Tolarsville	S. O. Willis	Rozier	1st Sunday "
Sharon	J. G. Fisher	Roslin	D. B. Beard	Cedar Creek	2nd Sunday "

Cedar Creek Baptist Association

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MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Cedar Creek Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Cedar Creek Church, Cumberland County, N. C.,

OCTOBER 15, 16, 17, 1902.

OFFICERS:

REV. J. G. FISHER, Moderator, Roslin, N. C.,
D. A. McNEILL, Clerk, Cotton, N. C.,
W. S. JOHNSON, Treasurer, St. Pauls, N. C.

TIME OF MEETING:

Rockfish, Cumberland County, Wednesday before the Third Sunday in October, 1903.

Fayetteville, N. C.,
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PROCEEDINGS.

CEDAR CREEK, N. C., Oct. 15th, 1902.

The Cedar Creek Baptist Association met with the Cedar Creek church today at 11 o'clock in its Forty-Fifth Annual Session. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. E. J. Edwards from Luke 2:1-12. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. G. Fisher.

The roll of churches called and majority being present. The Moderator appointed Revs. R. L. Byrd and M. A. Stephens Reading Clerks and Brethren Heman Jones and T. B. McNeill Finance Committee.

Church letters were read and messengers enrolled as follows:

Beaver Dam—T. D. Bullard, J. W. Hall, P. M. Smith.

Bladen Union—J. R. Squires, W. O. Register, T. J. Underwood.

Cape Fear—James Thames, Heman Jones, A. J. Guy.

Cedar Creek—H. B. Downing, E. J. W. Jessup, N. C. Thagard.

Cumberland Union—E. F. Jones, G. R. Thagard, S. H. Johnson.

Great Marsh—W. S. Johnson, G. M. D. Howard, Rev. E. O. Johnson.

Green Springs—G. R. Hall, Judson Jones, T. B. McNeill.

Hope Mills—W. W. Wallace, G. W. West, A. J. Hall.

Judson—John Horn, F. H. Hobbs, G. B. Sessoms.

Lebanon—D. J. Smith, W. A. Beard, J C. Beard.

Mt. Gilead—Thomas Bennett, S. J. Guy.

Mt. Pisgah—T. A. Hall, T. L. Tew, M. E. Autry.

Rockfish—W. J. Honeycutt, W. S. Fisher.

Rozier—S. A. Willis, J. H. Rattley.

Sharon—R. M. Sikes T. C. Davis, D. E. Beard, S. Horn.

Pine Grove—T. A. Canady, J. W. Townsend.

Manchester—Richard Howard.

Union Springs.

After recess of one hour the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. G. Fisher, by using the 82nd hymn. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Shinn.

It being time for the election of officers Rev. J. G. Fisher was re-elected by acclamation and D. A McNeill Clerk and W. S. Johnson Treasurer. An invitation was extended to visiting brethren. Bro. J. B. Downing from South River Association; Rev. J L. Shinn from South River Association; Rev. E. J. Edwards were welcomed to seats with us. The male members of Cedar Creek church were appointed a vigilant committee and the pastor and deacons a Religious Exercise. Committee to elect delegates to the Baptist State Convention, brethren J. B. Downing, W. S. Johnson, W. S. Fisher were appointed. A committee to select delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, were: Brethren W. R. Johnson, Heman Jones, M. A. Stephens.

Report on Ministerial Support read by Bro. B. M. Smith. Remarks by Brethren Heman Jones A. S Hall, Revs. R. W. Horrell, R. L. Byrd, E J. Edwards, J L. Shinn and adopted.

MINISTERS' RELIEF.

It is a stated fact that God-called men to preach His gospel and he called them for their whole time; therefore, it is the duty of the church to support these pastors for the whole time. See Luke 9th and 10th chapters.

B. M. SMITH.

Visiting brethren called for when Bro. J. S. Farmer, representing the Biblical Recorder, was welcomed to a seat with us. On motion we adjourned till seven o'clock tonight.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Bro. J. S. Farmer lead in prayer The Moderator being absent Rev. W. R. Johnson acted as Moderator pro tem. On motion, we opened the discussion on intemperance without reading the report. Remarks by Bro. A. S. Hall, Rev. J. L. Shinn, Bro. John McP. Geddie, Rev. R. L. Byrd. On motion, we adjourned till 9:30 Thursday morning, leaving the discussion of intemperance open for further discussion after reading the report.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association was opened with devotional exercises by Bro. W. S: Johnson by reading Romans 2:1 11. The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Letter from Manchester was read and delegates enrolled. Rev R. W. Horrell and Bro. W. M. Beard were appointed to name Executive Board. Report of Home Missions read and remarks by J S. Farmer. On motion. there was a collection taken for Home Missions amounting to $6.16, and report adopted.

The doctrine of Home Missions was as old as Christianity and the work of the world evangelization after the glorious resurrection of our Lord from the dead, he said unto the disciples thus it is written, and thus it behooves Christ to suffer and rise from the dead the third day that the remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginnig at Jerusalem. So with this end in view the Home Mission Board established in 1845; the field of the Board has 674 missionaries, 1759 churches and stations, so we find there is work for every one of us to do in the Home Mission field, especially to help build the storm-destroyed churches in Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. McNeill.

The committee to name the Executive Board report as follows: W. S. Johnson, E. F. Jones, Judson Jones, B. M. Smith, Delph Beard, J. C. Beard, M, J. Barker.

Visiting brethren were invited to a seat with us, J. A. Oates, editor of N C. Baptist, A L. Tatum, of Bladen Association.

Report on intemperance read, and remarks by J. A. Oates and others and adopted.

We are commanded by God's Word to be temperate in all things, but at this day intemperance is largely taken to mean the use of strong drink to excess. The use of intoxicants is the greatest evil of modern times and is destroying the brightest of our young men, ruining, blighting and bringing sorrow and shame, disgrace and poverty to what would otherwise be happy homes; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That we, members of Cedar Creek Baptist Association, do all in our power for the suppression of the liquor traffic until absolute prohibition rules in our land.

2nd. That as there is to be an election in Cumberland county on the 4th of November when the question to be submitted will be Prohibition or license, we expect and urge upon every Baptist in the county to vote for Prohibition and use all his influence to carry the county for Prohibition.

3 That no one shall be kept in the fellowship of our churchs who is in the habit of becoming intoxicated add urge upon all not only to be temperate but to be laborers.

4. That any member of a Baptist church who intends to vote for the re-establishment of liquor saloons or legalizing in any manner the sale of whisky in this county should repent or leave the church,

Respectfully submitted,

HEMAN JONES

The committee to elect delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention reports as follows: Bro. H. B. Downing, Rev. R. L. Byrd, after which we adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called to order by the Moderator. Letters from Pine Grove and Rockfish read, and delegates enrolled. On motion, we locate the nest session of the Association which will meet at Rockfish Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1903.

Report on Forein Missions read. Remarks by Rev. R. W. Horrell, J. S. Farmer, J. A. Oates and others, and adopted.

The command given by Jesus to his followers is "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." It is in obedience to this command that we are doing Foreign Mission work. Our fields of operation at present are South, Central and Northern China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, North and South Mexico and Japan. We have at present on all our fields a force of about 300 workers. Reports from our missionaries are encouraging, and we need to greatly increase our working force. The field is large and laborers few To increase our force we must enlarge our contributions to this object and work will not be done until the gospel has been preached to every creature. Let us renew our energies and by God's help do more in the future than we have in the past.

Respectfully submitted,
R. W. HORRELL.

On motion, the churches make same pledges they did last year. The Moderator appointed Brethren H. B. Downing, Thos. Bennett Auditing Committee.

Report on Periodicals read by Rev. R. N. Cashwell. Remarks by Brethren J. S. Farmer, J. A. Oates and others, and adopted.

The man who does not think cannot successfully fill life's sphers or meet life's responsibilities. Thought to the sane is what the rudder is to the ship guiding it in the right way. The reason we go wrong is because we do not think or do not think aright. We, therefore, ought to welcome every agent that will assist us to think aright; we therefore recommend the Biblical Recorder, N. C. Baptist. Charity & Children, Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field as an important part for the accomplishment of the object.

Respectfully submitted,
R. N. CASHWELL.

Report on Orphanage called for and read by Bro. W. S. Johnson. Remarks by Rev. R. W. Horrell and J. M. Fleming. Collection amounting to $11.00, and adopted.

ORPHANAGE.

This is an object that certainly desires the attention of the Baptists of North Carolina and the Cedar Creek Association, the place where the orphans are taken and fed, clothed and educated for usefulness and being trained aright. They then become a blessing to our State and church. Then I would urge each member of this Association to see that there is a collection taken at each church for their support.

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. JOHNSON.

On motion, we adjourned till Friday morning at 9:30.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association opened with devotional exercises, led by Rev. J. M. Page, by reading 23 psalm, prayer by Bro. J. W. Foiny. The body began business. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Visiting brethren invited to seats with us when Rev. J. M. Page and Rev. W. F. Fry in behalf of Female Institute were welcomed to seats with us.

Your committee appointed to arrange a system of work for the Associational year 1903 recommends the following:

1st. That during the months of October and November collections be taken for State Missions

2. During December, April, June and September collections be taken for Associational Missions.

3. During January, February and July collections be taken for Foreign Missions

4. During March and August collections be taken for Home Missions.

5. During May collections be taken for Education.

6. Collections on Thanksgiving Day for the Orphanage.

7. Collections on Christmas day for Ministers' Relief Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOL.

This report was called for and read by Rev. J. L. Shinn. Remarks by Revs. J. L. Sninn and J. G. Fisher, Brethren W. S. Fisher, Stephen Joanson, J. A. Oates, J. M. Gibbs, and adopted. Pledges taken for Bro. J. M. Gibbs to go to school amounting to $97.50; cash $18.96.

There are 18 churches in the Cedar Creek Association. Eleven of them report Sunday Schools, and seven none. There are 1,741 members of the churches in this Association, and 1,139 members of the Sunday Schools, at least two-thirds of these members are not members of the churches, which will leave 1361 members of the churches who are not connected with our Sunday School work. This condition should not exist. There were 105 baptisms the past year. About nine-tenths of these were in the churches having Sunday Schools. We urge that the churches take part in this great work. Let your light shine.

Respectfully,

J. L. SHINN.

The committee to name delegates to the Baptist State Convention beg leave to report as follows: Revs. M. A. Stephens, J. G Fisher, R. L. Byrd, W. R. Johnson, E. O. Johnson, Brethren Thomas Bennett, E. F. Jones, H. B. Downing, N. C Thagard.

Report on Education called for. Remarks by Rev. W. F, Fry. Pledges for the Female Institute $35.00; cash $8.42.

AETERNOON SESSION.

The body was called to order by the Moderator. Report of Executive Board received and adopted

We have supplied at Manchester add Union Springs, weak churches, and have assisted at Pine Grove. We have lacked funds so that our missionaries had to wait from August until the present, but thanks the brethren they have come to our rescue, and only lacked 14 cents and can pay out.

E. J. BIGGS, Ch'm,
TATE RACKLEY, Sec.

On motion, the use of some money collected for State Missions be used in Associational Missions and approved by the body in session.

Report on Aged Ministers Relief by Rev. E. O. Johnson, and on motion was adopted. Since we have received their life work, we feel that now they are old and worn out, it is our duty and privilege to see that they are well cared for. We suggest that one collection each year from each church be devoted to this object.

Respectfully submitted,

E. O. JOHNSON.

Report on State Missions read by Bro. E. F Jones. Remarks by Rev. M. A. Stephens, W. S. Jodnson, W. R. Johnson and others and adopted.

On motion, a committee was appointed to visit the South River Association to consult them about organizing a Cumberland Association as follows: Brethren H. B. Downing, N. C. Thagard, W. R Johnson, John Beard. On motion, we unite all the Baptist churches in

Cumberland and all others that will join in with us in this Association. The Auditing Committee examined finance books and found them all correct.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed five dollars for his work, and have the minutes printed as cheap as possible.

Resolved That we extend our thanks to the people of this community for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us.

Yours respectfully,
R. W. Horrell.

Hymn "Bless be the tie" was sung, and the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Rockfish Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1903, Rev. M. A. Stephens to preach the Introductory Sermon.

D. A. McNeill,
Clerk.

Rev. J. G. Fisher,
Moderator.

TABLE OF PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphan'ge	Aged Ministers	J. M. Gibbs
Beaver Dam	3 00	1 25	2 50	2 50	1 25	.....
Bladen Union	7 50	6 00	4 00	5 00	2 50	.....
Cape Fear	5 00	7 00	7 00	10 00	1 00	2 50
Cedar Creek	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	3 50	10 00
Cumberland Union	7 00	5 00	5 00	7 50	3 00	8 00
Great Marsh	0 00	15 00	10 00	5 00	2 50	5 00
Green Springs	7 50	10 00	10 00	10 00	2 00	8 00
Hope Mills	15 00	12 00	15 00	15 00	3 00	25 00
Judson	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00
Lebanon	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	8 00
Manchester	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Pisgah	3 00	6 00	6 00	25 00	3 00	8 00
Mt Pisgah	2 00	.....	.....	2 00	1 00	.....
Pine Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rockfish	6 00	6 00	6 00	25 00	3 00	8 00
Rozier	5 00	2 00	1 00	4 00	2 00	3 00
Sharon	5 00	4 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	3 00
Union Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

PASTORS AND CLERKS.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR.	P. O.	CLERK.	P. O.
Beaver Dam	J. G. Fisher	Roslin	P. P. Hall	Clay Fork
Bladen Union	R. L. Byrd	Tolarsville	A. H. Tolar	Edonia
Cape Fear	R. L. Byrd	Tolarsville	R. L. Butler	Alderman
Cedar Creek	M. A. Stephens	Cedar Creek	H. B. Downing	Cedar Creek
Cumberland Union	M. A. Stephens	Cedar Creek	E. F. Jones	Cedar Creek
Great Marsh	T. J. Baker	Parkton	B. H. Johnson	Rennert
Green Springs	R. W. Horrell	Fayetteville	D. A. McNeill	Cotton
Hope Mills	R. W. Horrell	Fayetteville	H. E. Thompson	Cotton
Judson	M. A. Stephens	Cedar Creek	G. B. Sessoms	Idaho
Lebanon	R. A. Hedgpeth	Autryville	W. A. Beard	Beard
Mt. Gilead	M. A. Stephens	Cedar Creek	G. T. Rackley	Fayetteville
Mt. Pisgah	J. O. Tew	Fayetteville	T. A. Hall	Pond
Pine Grove	R. N Cashwell	Parkton	J. R. Capps	Rockfish
Rockfish	W. C. Barrett	Buie's Creek	D. C. Rogers	Hope Mills
Rozier	J. G. Fisher	Roslin	M. J. Barker	Rennert
Sharon	J. G. Fisher	Roslin	D. B. Beard	Cedar Creek
Manchester	....	....	H. J. Kivett	Manchester
Union Springs	....	....	....	....

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dism's'd by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total
Beaver Dam	8	2	3	....	1	1	38	78	116
Bladen Union	9	1	3	1	1	....	53	70	123
Cape Fear	2	....	..	2	....	1	14	31	45
Cedar Creek	15	1	1	7	9	3	81	149	230
Cumberland Union	19	1	1	...	2	....	48	74	122
Great Marsh	4	10	....	16	2	9	89	127	216
Green Springs	12	6	6	6	2	1	52	90	142
Hope Mills	....	6	2	4	11	2	47	86	135
Judson	19	....	3	4	4	1	48	79	127
Lebanon	1	....	...	....	.	2	44	52	96
Mt Gilead	1	2	....	2	3	...	32	31	63
Mt. Pisgah	8	....	1	8	....	1	37	62	99
Pine Grove	3	...	....	....	....	...	9	13	22
Rockfish	2	....	3	4	2	3	42	67	109
Rozier	4	1	2	1	4	1	30	33	63
Sharon	....	1	....	4	2	2	31	49	80
Manchester	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Union Springs	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Associati'al Missions	Minute Fund	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief	Education	Other Objects	Pastor's Salary	Expenses & Cont'but'ns
Beaver Dam	3 42	3 15	......	4 90	1 15	2 45	......	......	......	......	......
Bladen Union	2 59	1 73	1 24	1 50	1 00	......	......	......	5 00	60 00	......
Cape Fear	7 00	7 00	7 00	......	1 00	10 00	1 00	......	17 71	60 00	......
Cedar Creek	10 56	5 35	15 63	4 78	2 25	5 74	3 50	2 00	2 25	125 00	369 81
Cumberland Union	5 00	5 00	7 50	2 25	1 00	6 10	3 00	3 22	33 45	125 00	7 60
Great Marsh	39 55	8 26	7 28	1 68	1 09	3 09	2 00	......	2 68	100 00	1 00
Green Springs	14 96	12 44	7 50	3 96	1 60	17 67	2 00	......	46 04	100 00	......
Hope Mills	22 88	12 00	15 00	......	1 00	6 61	3 00	......	46 05	125 00	......
Judson	2 70	2 93	2 88	1 05	1 05	......	......	......	4 00	60 00	......
Lebanon	70	......	......	3 69	......	67	......	......	4 16	60 00	......
Mt. Gilead	3 59	3 00	3 00	3 25	1 00	1 51	......	......	2 30	100 00	......
Mt. Pisgah	1 00	1 80	5 02	2 06	50	2 00	1 00	......	17 50	50 00	6 45
Rockfish	17 05	2 00	44 00	......	1 00	25 00	2 00	......	44 00	175 00	......
Rozier	5 41	4 87	6 26	6 13	1 30	4 01	4 50	2 00	33 76	50 00	......
Sharon	5 60	4 00	5 00	6 35	1 00	5 00	2 00	......	24 65	60 00	......
Pine Grove	50	75	50	50	50	......	......	......	25	......	......
Manchester	50	50	......	......	10	......	......	......	......	......	......
Union Springs	......	......	......	......	......		......	......	......	......	......

Cedar Creek Association.

1903

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Cedar Creek Baptist Association

HELD WITH

ROCKFISH CHURCH, CUMBERLAND COUNTY,

OCTOBER 14, 15 AND 16, 1903.

OFFICERS:

REV. J. G. FISHER, Moderator, Cotton, N. C.
D. A. MCNEILL, Clerk, Cotton, N. C.
W. S. JOHNSON, Treas., St. Paul, N. C.

TIME OF MEETING:

Judson, Wednesday before the Third Sabbath in Oct. 1904.

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Proceedings.

Rockfish, N. C., October 14, 1903.

The Cedar Creek Baptist Association met with the church at Rockfish today at 11 o'clock in its forty-sixth annual session. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. M. A. Stephens from Matthew 16:17th, 18th and 19th verses, after which the body adjourned for one hour.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. G. Fisher. The roll of churches was called and a majority being present the Moderator appointed Revs. R. L. Byrd and M. A. Stephens Reading Clerks, Brothers E. J. Biggs and M. J. Barker, Finance Committee.

Church letters were read and messengers enrolled as follows:

Beaver Dam—D. M. Beard, Alex. Hales, P. M. Smith.

Bladen Union—Daniel Tyson, J. E. Willis, Daniel Thames.

Cape Fear—H. Jones, H. G. Tolar, G. L. Breece.

Cedar Creek—J. McS. Anderson, J. M. Faircloth, G. W. Jackson.

Great Marsh—N. Allen, J. R. Belch, W. B. Oliver.

Green Springs—M. Cashwell, J. A. Campbell, T. J. Council.

Hope Mills—J. M. Gibbs, J. W. Butler, B. C. Todd.

Judson—F. H. Hobbs, H. S. Wallace, H. H. Godwin.

Lebanon—W. A. Beard, D. T. Anderson, D. J. Smith.

Mt. Gilead—S. J. Guy, D. F. Harris, Philip David.

Mt. Pisgah—L. R. Hall, Neal McLean, C. H. Ellis.

Rozier—J. Rattley, E. J. Biggs, R. L. Baxley.

Sharon—McB. Hall, T. C. Davis, T. S. Davis.

Manchester—Richard Howard, Andrew Overton, J. Davis.

Cumberland Union—A. J. Hall, S. H. Johnson, G. R. Thagard.

Rockfish—Z. B. Newton, J. W. Fisher, A. Mercer.

Tabernacle—Monroe Barefoot, W. S. Townsend, J. R. Capps.

It being time for the election of officers Rev. J. G. Fisher was re-elected Moderator by acclamation, D. A McNeill, Clerk, W. S. Johnson, Treasurer.

An invitation was extended visiting brethren when Rev. John Prevat, from French Broad Association, Rev. R. N. Cashwell from Robeson Association, and Rev. M. Monroe and M. McDaniel from the Fayetteville Presbytery were recognized with us.

At 2:30 p. m. aged ministers' relief was taken up. Remarks by Revs. W. R. Johnson, M .A. Stephens, and Rev. Monroe and the Moderator. The collection amounted to $6.50. Adopted.

7;30 p. m.—Rev. M. A. Stephens to write on State Mission Report.

THURSDAY MORNING.

10:00 a. m.—Rev. J. M. Page to write on Periodicals.
11:00 a. m.—Rev. J. M. Gibbs to write on Orphanage.
1:30 p. m.—Rev. M. A. Stephens to write on Intemperance.
2:30 p. m.—Rev. R. L. Byrd to write on Home Missions.
7:30 p. M.—Rev. R. N. Cashwell to write on Foreign Missions.

FRIDAY MORNING.

10:00 a. m.—Bro. Howard Johnson to write on Education.
11:00 a. m.—Bro. Frank Jones to write on Pastoral Support.

On Motion, Rev. M. A. Stephens preach in the Presbyterian church at 7:30 Thursday night.

The Moderator appointed the pastor and officers of this church a Religious Exercise Committee.

Bro. J. M. Gibbs to preach in the Presbyterian church at 7:30.

On motion, we adjourned till 7:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was opened by Bro. M. J. Barker leading in prayer. The Clerk being absent, Bro. J. F. Musselwhite was elected Clerk pro tem. The letter from Beaver Dam was read, requesting the next session of the Association to meet with them.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren and Bro. N. B. Cobb, from the Eastern Association, and Bro. J. A. Oates, Editor of the North Carolina Baptist, were welcome to seats with us.

The report on State Missions was read by Rev. M. A. Stephens.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Jesus said in his last words as he spake to those who had been selected and trained for service: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." To obey this command in the letter and spirit is the work of State Missions, for work done faithfully here will lay the foundation for increased work in both Home and Foreign Missions. Evangelization is the great work given to Christ's believing ones.

There are two reasons why North Carolina Baptists should send the gospel to all the people of our beloved State. One is because of our increasing membership, now numbering, by several thousand, more than any other body of Christians, thus giving us enlarged opportunities. The other, because we emphasize as no others do the glorious New Testament doctrine (a converted church membership), and this exemplifies the commission of baptized believers to organize a working force for the growth and progress of the Redeemer's Kingdom in the world. Believers in Christ must be missionary in spirit, for it is the spirit of Christ. The history of State Missions in North Carolina is evidence of the great value of its work. Many of the strongest bodies of mission workers and usefulnesss are the outcome of State Mission work. It has been and is yet foundation work, and will so continue for years to come. The future, as the past, depends largely on the wise progress of this work. As work advances at home, so abroad, and the Great Head of the Church says: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." So we have the plan of missions given us by our blessed Master. Let us give earnest heed.

Respectfully,

M. A. STEPHENS.

Remarks by brethren M. A. Stephens, J. A. Oates, N. B. Cobb and Z. B. Newton, after which the collection was taken amounting to $2.92.

On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion, adjourned till 9:30 Thursday morning. Benediction by Bro. N. B. Cobb.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association was opened with devotional exercises by Rev. R. L. Byrd by reading the 103 Psalm.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. The minutes of yesterday read and approved. Letters were called for and the letter from Judson was read and delegates enrolled.

The Moderator appointed Bros. W. R. Johnson, H. H. Godwin and W. S. Townsend a committee to select delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Rev. J. M. Page, D. J. Smith and Philip David were appointed a committee to select delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Rev. M. A. Stephens, Bro. Richard Howard and W. M. Beard were named a committee to elect the Executive Board.

Rev. R. L. Byrd, Bros. W. S. Johnson, and Judson Jones were named a committee to select writers for the next session

It being time for the report on Periodicals it was read by Rev. J. M. Page.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

This is an age of great thinking and great doing. The christian who would not be left behind must keep abreast with the religious thought of the age. There are too many of our Baptist people who have not yet realized the importance of reading. There are Baptist families even in the Cedar Creek Association that do not have a single religious newspaper. In these homes there are bright boys and girls growing up in ignorance of our denominational work simply because their parents do not realize the importance of supplying them with our periodicals.

We must earnestly ask that each home be provided with as many as possible of the following papers:

1. The Biblical Recorder, which is an old and able paper that deserves a place in every home.
2. The North Carolina Baptist, which is young, but strong and vigilant in setting forth truth and righteousness. The temperance feature of this paper commands not only the admiration of Baptists, but of other christians as well.
3. Charity and Children, which well deserves a place in all our homes
4. Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field. These should be read more extensively in the homes of this association.

Brethren, if we would move forward in every department of denominational life we must increase the circulation of our periodicals.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. PAGE.

Remarks by Rev. J. M. Page, Bro. J. A Oates and Rev. N. B. Cobb.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Bro. Daniel McGougan from the Robeson Association, Bro. J. W. Tomlinson from the South River Association and Bro. Archie Johnson representing the Orphanage.

It being time for the report on the Orphanage Bro. Archie Johnson presented it.

ORPHANAGE REPORT.

Two hundred and sixty children are now under the care of our orphanage, and the Whitty building, now in process of erection, will swell the number to three hundred. This building is a memorial to Miss Rowena Whitty, the daughter of Mr. J. C. Whitty, of Newbern, who has gone to her heavenly home.

Two other buildings, one by the Chowan Association and the other by Mr Aydlett, of Elizabeth City, are soon to be erected; when they are completed the number of children at our orphanage will reach about four hundred.

Already we have more children at Thomasville than any other orphanage in the State, and we must depend for the support of the institution solely on the voluntary offerings of the Baptist people of North Carolina. For eighteen years the contributions have come in a steady stream and all the obligations of the orphanage have been promptly met. The Lord has led the orphanage all the way and He will lead it on.

The economy with which the orphanage has been conducted has been a remarkable feature of the work and it will be maintained. $4 82½ per month per capita covers all the cost of maintaining an orphan, including the salaries of the employers, and all the running expenses. This record is most gratifying.

We urge the churches of the Cedar Creek Association to make their proportionate increase in contributions to meet the constantly growing needs of the work; and we commend to our Sunday Schools the plan of taking a monthly orphanage collection, which hundreds of schools have adopted and find helpful not only to the orphanage but to themselves.

Remarks by Bro. Johnson. Collection amounting to $12.05 was taken.

On motion, we adjourned for one hour.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called to order by the Moderator. Letter from Tabernacle was read and delegates enrolled.

Ther report on Intemperance was called for and read by Rev. M. A. Stephens.

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is sin and sin displeases God. Intemperance is the triumph of bad over good; it is the victory of the carnal and dfilement of the temple of the Holy Ghost.

There are other forms of intemperanc, to be sure, but the use of intoxicating liquors is the chief form and out of it grows crime and poverty, disease, death and destruction. As lovers of humanity it is ours as a duty to reduce to the minimum the use of this public curse—intoxicating liquors, whether whisky, cider or wine. Of course the Christian man will too much respect himself and be too faithful to God to defile himself with the deadly poison; and, furthermore, it is ours as a duty to give our influence to the enforcement of the wise and just laws against the sale of liquor in our midst, and never rest until every nook and corner in our beloved State is covered by prohibition and every law is enforced. Respectfully, M. A. STEPHENS.

Remarks by Revs. M. A. Stephens, R. W. Horrell, the Moderator and R. L. Byrd.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The committee on Executive Committee begs leave to report as follows: W. S. Johnson, E. F. Jones, Judson Jones, B. M. Smith, Delph Beard, D. J. Smith, M. J. Barker.

The committee on Baptist State Convention begs leave to report as delegates M. A. Stephens, J. G. Fisher, R. L. Byrd, D. A. McNeill, F. H. Hobbs, J. M. Page, W. H. Downing, D. C. Rogers, W. S. Johnson, E. F. Jones, W. R. Johnson, H. H. Godwin, W. S. Townsend.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, J. F. Musselwhite.

Writers for the next session:

State Missions—Rev. J. M. Page.
Home Missions—Rev. M. A. Stephens.
Foreign Missions—Rev. W. R. Johnson.
Orphange—Bro. W. S. Johnson.
Aged Ministers—Bro. B. H. Johnson.
Intemperance—Bro. J. F. Musselwhite.
Periodicals—J. M. Gibbs.

On motion, the next session will be held with the church at Judson Wednesday after the second Sabbath in October, 1904.

On motion, the Finance Committee made its report which was received and the money paid over to the Treasurer.

On Motion, Rev. J. M. Page will preach the introductory sermon of the next session.

The report on Home Missions was read by Rev. R. L. Byrd.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission work is the work done within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. Our work is great in numbers, great in territory and great in contributions. Still our contributions are not sufficient to meet our growing population with the Gospel of our Lord and Master. As a missionary people, we are under greater obligations than ever before. With our growing cities and towns, springing up like magic, also the foreign population coming into our midst yearly by the thousands. May the Lord help us as a Baptist people to meet them with the Gospel of the dear Son of God.

R. L. BYRD.

On motion, adjourned till 7:30.

THURSDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Devotional exercises by Bro. W. S. Johnson.

The Moderator being absent Rev. W. R. Johnson was elected Moderator pro tem. Bro. J. F. Musselwhite Secretary pro tem.

The report on Home Missions was discussed by Bro. J. A. Oates and Rev. W. R. Johnson.

On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion, we adjourned till 9:30 Friday morning. Benediction by Rev. J. M. Page.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. B. H. Johnson reading the 13th chapter of I Corinthians. Prayer by Bro. J. A. Oates.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Bro. John B. Downing, of the South River Association, was welcome to a seat with us.

It being time for the report on Education it was read by Bro. B. H. Johnson.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The chief end of an education is, or at least should be, to prepare one's self by training and developing all his capacities, spiritual, mental and physical to fulfill the purpose of his existence. In other words to be developed into a well rounded-up man, so that he may be the better prepared to do his duty towards his God, his fellows and himself. The training and development of all one's power except the mind is provided for outside of the schoolroom. That of the mind is left almost entirely to the schools and colleges. In view of these facts we would urge the pastors, delegates present, and the people generally, to try to work up a greater interest in common school, high school, and college education.

We commend to the careful consideration of our people the many preparatory schools in convenient reach of us, and belonging to our denomination. Wake Forest College, the Baptist Female University at Raleigh, and the many other excellent institutions for the higher education of the girls of our State.

We would urge the people of the Cedar Creek Association also to contribute of their means, where necessary, and their patronage to the support of these institutions.

Respectfully submitted,
B. H. JOHNSON.

Remarks by Bro. B. H. Johnson and Rev. N. B. Cobb.

On motion, it was adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was taken up and read by Bro. Archie Johnson.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The ancients used a hard, dark colored piece of jasper to test metals. They could tell by the mark left upon the touch-stone whether the metal was pure gold, the amount of alloy, and this was not an exact test like our modern assays, still it answered their purpose.. The work of Foreign Missions is the touch-stone of Spirituality. The great God and Father of us all is missionary in spirit; God so loved the world, &c. The Son of God was an advocate of Foreign Missions. He went away to return, but the gospel must be preached to all nations. The whole Spirit is intensely missionary. The Book of Acts is called the Acts of the Apostles; it ought to be called the Acts of the Spirit through them.

To be a Christian one must be a missionary. Then there are moral reasons which bind us to the work of Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
R. N. CASHWELL.

Remarks by Bros. Archie Johnson, W. S. Johnson and Rev. W. R. Johnson.

The report was adopted.

On motion, the report of the committee to visit the South River Association was accepted, and there was a committee appointed to confer with the said body. The committee consists of Rev. W. R. Johnson, J. M. Page, W. M. Beard, B. M. Smith, Judson Jones. This committee to meet the South River committee in Fayetteville at some future time.

On motion, the Clerk was given power to grant any church its letter to join the new Association.

On motion, we adjourn for one hour.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

On motion, the Clerk be allowed $5.00 for his services and have as many copies of the minutes printed as the money will pay for.

On motion, the Treasurer to make his report at the next Union to the Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

October 16, 1903, cash on hand	$ 2.81
Received of finance committee	152.58
Total	155.39

Paid to J. M. Gibbs,	$ 15.96	Paid to W. F. Fry,	$ 8.42
" " J. G. Fisher,	6.00	" " R N. Cashwell,	6.25
Sent Treas. Durham,	104.20	" " clerk,	16.29
		" for stationary,	37
Total			155.39

Amounts received during the year, paid over and sent to the various objects leaving a balance due of ninety-three (93) cents, to pay off missionaries in association.

W. S. JOHNSON, Treasurer.

October 14, 1903.

D. A McNeill and Judson Jones were appointed an Auditing Committee.

On motion, we extend the thanks of the Association to the people of the community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us.

The hymn, "Blessed be the tie," was sung and the Association adjourned to meet with the Judson church Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1904, Rev. J. M. Page to preach the introductory sermon.

J. G. Fisher, Moderator.

D. A. McNeill, Clerk.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The board has supplemented the salaries of the pastors at Manchester and Tabernacle churches, both weak. We have investigated the territory in our bounds and we do not think there is a place that it would be prudent to try to establish a church, but the churches mentioned above are weak and will need help for the coming year. Thanking you for your help in the past, we ask you for your continued help, that we may hold up the truth in these weak places that our brethren may have the gospel preached to them, and that others may be brought to the truth.

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. Johnson, Chairman.
M. J. Barker, Secretary.

October 15, 1903.

TABLE OF PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphan'ge	Aged Ministers	J. M. Gibbs
Beaver dam	3 00	1 25	2 50	2 50	1 25	......
Bladen Union	7 50	6 00	4 00	5 00	2 50	......
Cape Fear	5 00	7 00	7 00	10 00	1 00	2 50
Cedar Creek	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	3 50	10 00
Cumberland Union	7 00	5 00	5 00	7 50	3 00	8 00
Great Marsh	10 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	2 50	5 00
Green Spring	7 50	10 00	10 00	10 00	2 00	8 00
Hope Mills	15 00	12 00	10 00	15 00	3 00	25 00
Judson	......	......	......	1 00	1 00	1 00
Lebanon	......	......	2 00	2 00	......	8 00
Manchester	......	......	......	......	......	......
Mt. Gilead	3 00	3 00	......	5 00	3 00	......
Mt. Pisgah	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	......
Tabernacle	50	50	50	50	50	50
Rockfish	6 00	6 00	6 00	25 00	3 00	8 00
Rozier	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	3 00
Sharon	5 00	4 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	3 00
Union Spring	......	......	......	......	......	......

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POSTOFFICE.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE.
Beaver Dam	A. B. Stephens	Autryville	M. O. Bullard	Mints
Bladen Union	R. L. Byrd	Tolarsville	A. H. Tolar	Edonia
Cape Fear	R. L. Byrd	Tolarsville	R. L. Butler	Alderman
Cedar Creek	M. A. Stephens	Cedar Creek	D. W. West	Cedar Creek
Cumberland U	M. A. Stephens	Cedar Creek	G. R. Thagard	Cedar Creek
Great Marsh	T. J. Baker	Parkton	B. H. Johnson	Rennert, R. F. D.
Green Springs	R. W. Horrell	Fayetteville	D. A. McNeill	Cotton
Hope Mills	J. M. Page	Hope Mills	H. E. Thompson	Cotton
Judson	M. A. Stephens	Cedar Creek	J. B. Sessoms	Idaho
Lebanon	A. B. Stephens	Autryville	W. A. Beard	Fayetteville
Mt. Gilead	M. A. Stephens	Cedar Creek	J. H. Harris	Fayetteville
Mt. Pisgah	J. M. Page	Hope Mills	T. A. Hall	Sherwood
Tabernacle	J. M. Page	Hope Mills	J. R. Capps	Rockfish
Rockfish	J. M. Page	Hope Mills	D. C. Rogers	Hope Mills
Rozier	J. G. Fisher	Cotton	M. J. Barker	Rennert
Sharon	R. W. Horrell	Fayetteville	D. B. Beard	Tatom
Manchester	J. G. Fisher	Cotton	H. J. Kivett	Manchester
Union Springs				

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
Beaver Dam	3	5	...	1	1	3	39	71	110
Bladen Union	1	2	1	2	1	2	54	65	119
Cape Fear	2	1	...	1	1	...	14	31	45
Cedar Creek	21	3	2	7	1	3	87	150	237
Cumberland Union	...	2	...	5	2	2	46	72	118
Great Marsh	17	6	1	18	2	1	83	109	192
Green Springs	17	10	2	1	1	2	64	109	173
Hope Mills	44	11	2	7	6	1	56	94	150
Judson	6	6	4	3	...	...	75	104	179
Lebanon	22	5	...	2	3	3	44	55	99
Mt. Gilead	9	12	1	4	1	1	...	......	......
Mt. Pisgah	1	5	...	10	10	2	43	57	100
Tabernacle	42	2	...	......	...	...	...	......	29
Rockfish	2	17	...	10	...	2	49	107	156
Rozier	3	5	...	4	2	...	30	34	64
Sharon	...	......	4	2	...	2	33	47	80
Manchester	...	2	...	......	...	...	...	......	......
Union Springs	...	......	...	......	...	...	...	......	......

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State M.ssions	Associat'l Missions	Minute Fund	Orphan'ge	Ministers' Relief	Education	Other Objects	Pastor's Salary	Other Expenses	J. M. Gibbs
Beaver Dam	2 50	1 35	3 00	....	45	3 00	1 28	....	....	85 00	....	....
Bladen Union	11 94	10 00	10 35	4 36	75	6 20	....	....	10 00	....	63 09	....
Cape Fear	9 25	6 00	6 00	....	1 00	16 00	1 00	....	....	60 00	18 00	3 00
Cedar Creek	20 80	9 29	11 95	3 90	2 25	5 00	3 76	5 00	10 99	125 00	22 13	18 00
Cumberland Union	5 00	5 00	7 00	3 83	1 00	5 00	....	5 00	....	125 00	4 00	8 47
Great Marsh	71 00	15 00	10 00	7 22	1 60	5 00	2 50	....	20 00	110 00	9 38	5 00
Green Springs	11 20	12 21	9 48	4 26	1 70	12 48	2 00	....	97 29	100 00	6 00	7 39
Hope Mills	15 00	12 00	15 00	6 53	1 00	15 00	3 00	4 31	52 31	125 00	....	32 95
Judson	6 94	3 04	3 54	85	85	2 80	1 00	3 74	21 44	75 00	50 00	....
Lebanon	7 17	....	1 55	3 56	....	1 00	....	....	....	85 00	10 16	....
Manchester	1 00	....	....	1 00	60	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Mt. Gilead	5 34	2 90	3 35	....	75	5 67	1 64	....	....	100 00	35 00	....
Mt. Pisgah	5 00	2 00	2 00	....	....	2 05	1 00	5 00	....	100 00	56 25	....
Tabernacle	....	....	....	2 30	30	....	....	....	....	41 60	....	....
Rockfish	14 50	24 00	21 50	2 50	2 00	10 50	2 00	....	20 40	150 00	138 00	11 62
Rozier	5 00	5 00	5 40	5 00	90	5 00	5 00	....	....	60 00	30 39	8 96
Sharon	5 00	4 00	5 00	4 80	70	5 00	2 00	8 00	24 00	75 00	....	....
Union Springs	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....

Cedar Creek Baptist Association

Forty-Seventh Annual Session, Held with
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This association shall be denominated and known as the Cedar Creek Baptist Association.

ART. 2. The object of this association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3. This association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it. Each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained minister having care of churches and holding membership in this association.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. 5. The officers of this association shall be a moderator, a clerk, and a treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a ballot from among the members of the churches composing this association by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside during the deliberation of the body, to enforce an observance of the constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and giving the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distributing of the minutes among the churches and he shall be required to keep a file of the minutes.

ART 8. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. 9. The association shall appoint an executive board of seven members who shall have the superintendence of associational missions and such other objects as may be entructed to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the treasurer of the asssociation for the objects under their charge and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the interval between the meetings of this body. The meetings of this board shall be answerable to the association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the association for their doings.

ART. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an annual session of this body through the delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the association shall consent to receive her the moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

ART. 11, The association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

ART. 12. The association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates except that of voting.

ART. 13. The annual session of this association shall commence on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in October at such place as the association may select.

ART. 14. By appointment there shall be preached at each annual session an introductory and missionary sermon.

ART. 15. This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

Minutes

OF THE

Forty-Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

Ceder Creek Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Judson Church, Cumberland County
October 12, 13, 14, 1904.

Officers:

REV. J. G. FISHER, Moderator, Cotton, N. C.
G. B. SESSOMS, Clerk, Idaho, N. C.
W. S. JOHNSON, Treasurer, St. Paul, N. C

Time of Meeting:

The next Session will be held with Great Marsh Church, Robeson County, N. C., October 11, 1905.

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List of Delegates.

Beaver Dam—P. W. Smith.
Bladen Union—W. P. Register.
Cedar Creek—M. A. Stephens, W. R. Johnson.
Cumberland Union—A. J. Bedsole, Alex. Thagard, A. P. Hair.
Cape Fear—J. P. Thames, Heman Jones.
Great Marsh—G. M. D. Howard, E. G. Johnson.
Green Springs—M. Cashwell, K. W. McArthur.
Hope Mills—J. L. Harris. T. P. Hulon, J. F. Byrne.
Lebanon—W. A. Beard, D. L. Downing.
Mt. Gilead—Thos. Bennett, D. F. Harris, R. C. Rogers.
Mt. Pisgah—C. H. Ellis, John Clark.
Massey Hill—R. M. Sikes.
Manchester—R. P. Howard.
Judson—H. L. Wallace, W. H. Downing, F. H. Hobbs.
Rozier—M. J. Barker.
Rockfish—D. J. Cashwell, W. H. Williams.
Sharon—Sion Horn, W. C. Beard.
Shiloh—J. H. McGhee, W. A. Seawell.
Tabernacle—W. A. West, P. A. Canady.

Proceedings.

The Cedar Creek Baptist Association met in its Forty-Seventh Annual Session with the church at Judson, Cumberland county, Wednesday, October 12th, 1904, at 11 o'clock. The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. M. Page from Acts 5:11, after which the body adjourned for one hour.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association was called to order by the moderator, Rev. J. G. Fisher. The roll of churches was called and a majority being present the chair appointed Revs. M. A. Stephens and J. M. Page Reading Clerks, and brethren H. Jones and D. J. Cashwell, Finance Committee.

The church letters were read and delegates present were enrolled, with motion to table the petitions asking for the next meeting of the association.

It being time to elect new officers, Rev. J. G. Fisher was re-elected Moderator, G. B. Sessoms elected Clerk and W. S. Johnson re-elected Treasurer.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren to seats with us. Rev. J. W. Cobb of the Robeson association, representing the N. C. Baptist, Bro. Murdock Smith of Bladen association, Rev. W. H. Davis of Brushy Mountain association, responded to this invitation. The entire audience was welcomed by the pastor. Response by Rev. J. M. Gibbs.

Rev. J. M. Page stated that he represented the Biblical Recorder.

Massey Hill Baptist church was received from the South River association and extended the hand of welcome.

On motion the programme was adopted.

Rev. W. H. Davis was appointed to write report on intemperance.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF.

There are many old soldiers of the Cross in North Carolina who by reason of old age and other disabilities have retired from active service, and are now almost entirely dependent upon charity for the necessities of life. We would urge the members of the Cedar Creek association to give this worthy object a more careful and prayerful consideration, and contribute more liberally to the support of the old brethren who, during their actiue life, preached so faithfully and effectually. Respectfully submitted.

B. H. JOHNSON.

Remarks by Revs. W. H. Davis, J. W. Cobb, M. A. Stephens and Bro. W. S. Johnson.

On motion the report was adopted and pledges taken.

The male members of Judson church were appointed a vigilance committee.

The discussion on intemperance was opened by Rev. M. A. Stephens.

Resolution by Rev. J. M. Page:

Believing that the time is at hand in North Carolina when a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacturing and selling of alcoholic liquors should be adopted, we pass this resolution and urge all to favor such an amendment.

Remarks were made by J. M. Page, J. G. Fisher, Murdock Smith, E. G. Johnson, J. M. Gibbs, J. W. Cobb, W. H. Downing, and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

The subject of Associational Missions was then discussed by brethren W. S. Johnson, D. J. Cashwell and Rev. J. M. Page, and pledges taken.

On motion the association adjourned until 9 a. m. Thursday.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The association met at time appointed. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. W. Cobb.

The body was called to order by the moderator, and the minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The following committee was appointed to nominate an Executive Board: Revs. J. M. Page and M. A. Stephens.

The chair appointed a committee to arrange programme for next session, as follows: Brethren W. S. Johnson, M. J. Barker and M. Cashwell.

Brethren W. R. Johnson and D. J. Cashwell were appointed a committee to nominate delegates to the State and Southern Baptist Conventions.

The Auditing committee is as follows: Brethren E. G. Johnson and P. A. Canaday.

It being time for the report on Foreign Missions, there being no written report, the discussion was opened by Rev. W. R. Johnson—"Go ye into all the World and Preach the Gospel to Every Creature."—Mark 16:15. Remarks by Rev. J. W. Cobb, brethren W. S. Johnson and H. Jones and Rev. J. G. Fisher, after which pledges were taken.

The moderator renewed the invitation to visiting brethren and Bro. J. B. Downing from the South River association was recognized.

Letter from Mt. Pisgah was read and delegates enrolled.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our beloved Lord and Master said to the church just before the ascension: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Here we have the text for our mission work, State, Home and Foreign, and we cannot faithfully discharge our duty as the Lord's children and neglect either part of this work,

Home missions is that part of our work that comes in between State and Foreign mission work, reaching beyond the work of the State Mission Board and stopping at the beginning of the work of the Foreign Mission Board, and reaches a people untouched by either State or Foreign mission work, and is therefore, an essential factor in our mission work as southern Baptists in giving the Gospel to the people:

1st. To the foreign element that is rapidly pouring into our sunny southland, bringing with them all kinds of false religion and infidelity. This must be met with the Gospel of Christ, "for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

2nd. Doing mission work in the mountains of the Southern states in which until a few years ago much destitution prevailed, but is now being rapidly developed both in resources and religion.

3rd. To give the Gospel to the Red man of the far away West, to whom, if possible, we owe more than to any other nation of people on earth.

4th. Doing mission work most gratifying in the large cities of the South where is much need of work, and it must be done by us.

5th. In giving to Cuba a free Gospel where the dark cloud of Romanism has for centuries held the people in ignorance and superstition. We praise the Lord for the day when the Gospel light first shined on Cuba's sunny soil.

6th. In doing work among the negroes we cannot therefore expect to do our best for Home missions.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. STEPHENS.

Remarks by Revs. M. A. Stephens, J. M. Page and W. R. Johnson. Pledges were taken and the report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Religious journalism is a work of greater importance than is generally thought. The religious newspaper is an indisputable necessity, and like many other agencies of modern times, fills a place in our work of the highest importance. It is indispensable as a medium of information as to our organized work, and also as an exponent and advocate of the principles to which we adhere. A vast number of our people do not take a single religious newspaper and therefore are not informed on the more vital issues of our denomination. We would urge upon every member of this association that they provide themselves with our periodicals. (1) Because a religious newspaper makes Christians more intelligent. (2) As knowledge is power it makes them more useful. (3) It places weapons in the hands of all to defend the truth. (4) It affords a chance of communication between brethren. (5) It cultivates among children and parents a taste for reading. (6) It awakens an interest for the salvation of souls.

We most heartily recommend the following periodicals.

1. The Biblical Recorder because of its long connection with our denomi-

nation as its organ, and because of its loyalty to all our work, deserves the patronage of our people.

2. The North Carolina Baptist has proven to be an important factor in our denominational life because of its splendid editorial management and loyalty to our denominational interests, and also because of the temperance feature of this paper, and is worthy of our support.

3. Charity and Children, representing our Orphanage, should be in the homes of all our people.

4. The Foreign Mission Journal, and the Home Field, also deserve a place in every home.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN M. GIBBS.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

When Jesus was about to take his leave of earth he left this command for us: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem (City missions) and in all Judea (State missions) and in Samaria (Home missions) and unto the uttermost parts of the earth (Foreign missions). The present prosperous condition of the Baptist cause in North Carolina is largely due to State missions. There are many sections of our State yet without Baptist churches. It is the duty of every Baptist in this State to do all in his power to have Baptist churches in every community.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. PAGE.

Bro. J. A. Oates and Dr. J. J. Hall were recognized and welcomed to seats with us.

Remarks by Rev. J. M. Page and Dr. J. J. Hall, after which the report was adopted and pledges taken.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

This is an institution that was organized for the purpose of taking orphans to feed, clothe and educate and train them for usefulness in the church and state. The church or state must furnish the means, and as the church has this charge on her we must consider the needs of the Orphanage. There are about three hundred orphans to be provided for, and in addition to this there are about forty sick with typhoid fever, which increases the expense. We urge every delegate to talk these things over and press the needs of same.

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. JOHNSON.

A cash collection of $25.00 was taken. Remarks by Bro. J. A. Oates. Report adopted and pledges taken.

The association then adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Services were opened by singing Coronation.

The committee appointed to nominate Executive Board beg leave to recommend the following brethren: W. S. Johnson, Thos. Bennett, Heman Jones, B. M. Smith, F. H. Hobbs, M. J. Barker and W. A. Beard.

The committee on Conventions reports as follows:

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. J. G. Fisher.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention, Rev. M. A.

Stephens, Rev. J. O. Tew and Bro. Marshall Cashwell.

On motion report was adopted.

Shiloh Baptist church was received by letter from Bladen association. Letter read and delegate enrolled.

Sunday Schools were discussed by Revs. J. M. Gibbs and W. H. Davis. Report adopted.

Address by Bro. J. A. Oates on "Woman's Work." A motion was passed to have the address printed in the North Carolina Baptist.

The discussion on Education was opened by Rev. W. H. Davis. Remarks by Revs. M. A. Stephens and W. R. Johnson.

On motion the following brethren were appointed a committee to locate a high school within the bounds of this association: W. H. Downing, Heman Jones, D. E. Beard, H. B. Downing and J. G. Fisher.

On motion the next session of the association was located, which will meet with the Great Marsh church Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1905. Rev. W. H. Davis was appointed to preach the introductory sermon.

Remarks by brethren G. M. D. Howard, P. W. Smith, Revs. J. M. Page and J. G. Fisher.

On motion association adjourned until 9:30 a. m. Friday.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. H. Davis.

The association was called to order by the moderator and the minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Visiting brethren were welcomed to seats with us.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The use of strong drink as a beverage is strictly forbidden in the Scriptures. In Proverbs 23:29 and following verses we have a description of the effects of strong drink upon the human system. It unfits a man for business. Habakkuk says in chapter 2:15: "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink; that putteth thy bottle to him and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness." He that votes for the man who favors the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating drinks is practically putting the bottle to his neighbor's mouth. The man who makes it suffers; the man who sells it suffers, and the man who drinks it suffers. But those who suffer most from its effects are those who are in no way connected with it.

We, your committee, beg to say that the only safe position for the Christian to occupy is that of total abstinence. Paul exhorts us to "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather reprove them." Let us pray as we work and vote as we pray against this great evil.

Respectfully submitted, W. H. DAVIS.

Remarks by Revs. W. H. Davis and J. W. Cobb. Report adopted.

Programme of next session of association to convene with Great Marsh church October 11, 12 and 13, 1905:

WEDNESDAY.

11:00 a. m.—Introductory Sermon by Rev. W. H. Davis.
1:00 p. m.—Calling roll of churches, reading letters and organizing.
3:00 p. m.—Report on Intemperance by Rev. J. M. Page.

THURSDAY.

9:00 a. m.—Prayer service.
9:30 a. m.—Report on Periodicals by Rev. J. G. Fisher.
10:00 a. m—Report on Foreign Missions by Rev. M. A. Stephens.
11:00 a. m.—Report on State Missions by Rev. R. N. Cashwell.
1:00 p. m.—Report on Home Missions by Rev. R. L. Byrd.
2:00 p. m.—Report on Associational Missions by D. A. McNeill.
2:30 p. m.—Report on Orphanage by Rev. J. M. Gibbs.
3:00 p. m.—Report on Sunday Schools by B. H. Johnson.

FRIDAY.

9:00 a. m.—Prayer service.
9:30 a. m.—Location of next ssssion.
10:00 a. m.—Miscellaneous business.

W. S. JOHNSON, Chairman Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We have supplemented the salary of Bro. Page at Tabernacle for the last year, and have sent Bro. Fisher to Manchester. The Tabernacle assumes the payment of their pastor for the next year. Manchester has had a good revival but is still in need of help, and this church is worthy of our help.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. JOHNSON, Chm'n.
M. J. BARKER, Sec.

Report received.

On motion the clerk was allowed $8 for his services and to have as many minutes printed as the money would pay for, with the constitution of this association printed therein.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of visitors and delegates of this association be respectfully tendered to the people of this community for their cordial reception and kind hospitality to us during the present session.

Respectfully submitted, W. H. DAVIS.

The hymn, "Bless Be the Tie that Binds" was sung and the association adjourned.

REV. J. G. FISHER, Moderator.

G. B. SESSOMS. Clerk.

Dr. J. J. Hall preached a very acceptable sermon at 1:30 p. m.

The amounts collected and expended by the churches during the year cannot be given in the minutes as they are not given in all the church letters. G. B. SESSOMS, Clerk.

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND THEIR ARDRESSES	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	PRESIDENTS W. M. S. AND THEIR ADDRESSES	SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE				
				SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	No. Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total	Months kept Open
Beaver Dam	A. B. Stephens, Autryville	J. A. Hall, Mints						
Bladen Union	R. N. Cashwell, Parkton	A. H. Tolar, Edonia		J. B. Riddle, Edonia	9	50	59	12
Cedar Creek	M. A. Stephens, Cedar Ck.	R. L. Butler, Sherwood		A. J. Guy, Sherwood	6	57	63	12
Cumberland Union	M. A. Stephens, Cedar Ck.	D. W. West, Cedar Creek	Mrs. H. B. Downing, Ceder Ck	A. B. Smith, Cedar Creek	10	105	115	12
Cape Fear	M. A. Stephens, Cedar Ck.	G. H. Clark, Grays Creek	Miss Lizzie Averitt, Elease	G. H. Clark, Grays Creek	7	50	57	9
Green Springs	T. J. Baker, Parkton	B. H. Johnson, Rennert		W. H. Howard, Rennert	7	73	80	12
Great Marsh	W. H. Davis, Fayetteville	D. A. McNeill, Hope Mills		D. A. McNeill, Hope Mills	8	90	98	12
Hope Mills	J. M. Page, Hope Mills	J. F. Byrne, Hope Mills	Miss Stella Byrne, Cotton	D. W. Trogden, Cotton	14	150	164	12
Judson	M. A. Stephens, Cedar Ck.	G. B. Sessoms, Idaho	Miss Lou Sessoms, Idaho	F. H. Hobbs, Fayetteville	8	55	63	12
Lebanon	A. B. Stephens, Autryville	W. A. Beard, Fayetteville		W. J. Olive, Wade	6	62	68	12
Mt. Gilead	M. A. Stephens, Cedar Ck.	J. H. Harris, Fayetteville		Thos Bennett, Fay'tteville	6	44	50	12
Mt. Pisgah	J. M. Page, Hope Mills	T. A. Hall, Sherwood	Miss Eliza Hall, Brunt	E. M. Hall, Sherwood	9	60	69	12
Massey Hill	J. O. Tew, Fayetteville	R. C. Hawkins, Fay'tt'ville	Miss Ella Tew, Fayetteville	R. C. Hawkins, Fay'tteville	15	150	165	12
Manchester	J. G. Fisher, Cotton	H. J. Kivett, Manchester						
Tabernacle	J. M. Page, Hope Mills	J. R. Capps, Rockfish		W. A. West, Rockfish	6	41	47	
Rozier	J. G. Fisher, Cotton	M. J. Barker, Rennert, rfd		E. J. Biggs, Lumberton	7	65	72	12
Rockfish	J. M. Page, Hope Mills	D. C. Rogers, Hope Mills		D. C. Rogers, Hope Mills	11	170	181	
Sharon	W. H. Davis, Fayetteville	D. B. Beard, Tatum	Mrs. Sion Horn, Tatom	D. E. Beard, Tatom	8	40	48	6
Shiloh	R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville	W. A. Seawell, Elease						

Nothing is shown from Union Springs church in any of the tables.

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	State Missions	Associational Mis	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions	Old Ministers' Relief	Orphanage	Education.	Minutes	Gibbs	Total Contributions
Beaver Dam	$ 2 50	$.......	$ 2 50	$ 1 00	$ 1 25	$ 2 50	$.....	$.......	$.......	$ 9 75
Bladen Union	40	5 00	9 94	....	....	2 37	....	....	....	17 71
Cedar Creek	4 28	4 12	1 37	1 37	....	....	....	3 55	....	14 69
Cumberland Union	....	....	....	....	....	40	....	1 00	5 00	6 40
Cape Fear	87	2 32	1 34	....	....	....	....	1 05	....	5 58
Green Springs	5 44	....	14 56	7 00	3 10	8 00	....	1 45	....	39 55
Great Marsh	....	....	....	6 00	....	....	....	2 00	....	8 00
Hope Mills	11 75	3 27	....	....	....	....	....	2 00	10 33	27 35
Judson	2 16	1 77	....	2 00	....	5 35	....	1 10	....	12 38
Lebanon	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	80	....	80
Manchester	....	1 50	75	....	....	....	....	20	....	2 45
Mt. Pisgah	80	1 30	3 00	....	....	....	....	1 40	....	6 50
Mt. Gilead	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Massey Hill	....	1 25	5 73	....	....	....	....	2 00	....	8 98
Rockfish	....	2 00	....	....	....	4 16	....	3 00	....	9 16
Rozier	....	5 00	....	....	....	....	....	1 40	3 00	9 40
Shiloh	4 00	....	4 00	4 00	....	2 00	1 40	40	....	15 80
Sharon	....	1 00	....	....	2 25	....	....	1 30	....	4 55
Tabernacle	....	....	....	....	75	....	....	1 00	....	1 75
Total	$32 20	$28 53	$43 19	$21 37	$ 7 35	$24 78	$ 1 40	$23 65	$18 33	$ 200 80

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total
Beaver Dam	5	2	...	1	3	...	39	69	108
Bladen Union	6	4	5	11	2	2	59	84	143
Cape Fear	12	7	...	1	...	...	23	37	60
Cedar Creek	6	...	1	4	1	2	85	146	231
Cumberland Union	11	1	1	6	1	...	49	77	126
Great Marsh	8	9	...	10	2	4	88	107	195
Green Springs	6	2	3	6	2	2	68	114	182
Hope Mills	8	10	4	8	4	...	45	84	129
Judson	14	2	1	7	...	1	79	109	188
Lebanon	6	4	2	1	...	...	50	63	113
Mt. Gilead	11	5	1	2	1	1	45	35	80
Mt. Pisgah	7	2	...	4	1	2	47	55	102
Massey Hill	6	23	3	24	3	2	48	93	141
Manchester	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	....
Tabernacle	...	3	...	...	1	...	14	15	29
Rozier	1	2	...	3	...	...	31	33	64
Rockfish	5	21	...	10	6	2	53	108	161
Sharon	...	...	...	...	2	3	31	47	78
Shiloh	1	3	2	2	2	3	30	60	90

TABLE OF PLEDGES

CHURCHES	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Associational Missions	Ministers Relief	Total
Beaver Dam	$ 2 50	$ 2 50	$ 2 50	$ 2 50	$ 2 00	$......	$ 12
Bladen Union	5 00	2 50	....	5 00	......	3 00	15 50
Cape Fear	5 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	35
Cedar Creek	10 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	40
Cumberland Union	5 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	3 00	33
Great Marsh	10 00	8 00	....	20 00	5 00	8 00	51
Green Springs	5 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	3 00	38
Hope Mills	15 00	12 00	17 50	15 00	8 00	5 00	60 50
Judson	5 00	5 00	3 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	30
Lebanon	3 00	1 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	15
Mt. Gilead	3 00	3 00	3 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	20
Mt. Pisgah	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	3 00	21
Massey Hill	5 00	6 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	41
Manchester	....	....	....	1 00	2 00	....	3
Tabernacle	1 00	50	50	1 00	2 00	1 50	6 50
Rozier	7 00	7 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	5 00	43
Rockfish	1 00	5 00	5 00	25 00	7 00	5 00	48
Sharon	5 00	2 00	5 00	6 00	3 00	2 50	23 50
Shiloh	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	12

Cedar Creek Baptist Association

Forty-Eighth Annual Session, held with
Great Marsh Church.
1905.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This association shall be denominated and known as The Cedar Creek Baptist Association.

ART. 2. The object of this association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3. This association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it. Each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained minister having care of churches and holding membership in this association.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. 5. The officers of this association shall be a moderator, a clerk, and a treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a ballot from among the members of the churches composing this association by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside during the deliberation of the body, to enforce an observance of the constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and giving the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distributing of the minutes among the churches and he shall be required to keep a file of the minutes.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. 9. The association shall appoint an executive board of seven members who shall have the superintendence of associational missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the treasurer of the association for the objects under their charge and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the interval between the meetings of this body. The meetings of this board shall be answerable to the association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the association for their doings.

ART. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an annual session of this body through the delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the association shall consent to receive her the moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

ART. 11. The association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order. but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

ART. 12. The association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all privileges of regular delegates except that of voting.

ART. 13. The annual session of this association shall commence on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in October at such place as the association may select.

ART. 14. By appointment there shall be preached at each annual session an introductory and missionary sermon.

ART. 15. This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

Minutes

OF THE

Forty-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

Cedar Creek Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Great Marsh Church, Robeson County,

October 11th and 12th, 1905.

OFFICERS:

REV. J. G. FISHER, Moderator, Cotton, N. C.
G. B. SESSOMS, Clerk, Fayetteville, N. C.
W. S. JOHNSON, Treasurer, Rennert, N. C.

TIME OF MEETING:

The next Session will be held with the Lebanon Church, Cumberland County, commencing October 17, 1906.

FAYETTEVILLE N. C.:
G. H. THOMSON, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.
1905.

List of Delegates.

Beaver Dam—Matt Bullard, A. A. Hales, J. A. Hall.
Bladen Union—W. O. Register, W. N. Tolar, O. S. Johnson.
Cape Fear—J. P. Thames, H. Jones, Ed. Cashwell.
Cedar Creek—G. L. Grice, C. P. Rolins, B. M. Smith.
Cumberland Union—S. H. Johnson, A. J. Bedsole, Mathew Hair.
Green Springs—N. Cashwell, T. J. Council, D. A. McNeill, W. S. Bramble.
Great Marsh—A. Odum, N. Allen, G. M. D. Howard.
Hope Mills—T. B. McNeill, T. P. Hulon, J. G. Fisher.
Judson—C. J. Smith, W. P. Haywood, G. L. Godwin.
Lebanon—J. C. Beard, A. L. Beard, D. L. Downing.
Manchester—R. P. Howard.
Mt. Pisgah—C H. Ellis, Albert Clark, Walter Evans.
Mt. Gilead—S. J. Guy, P. P. Davis.
Massey Hill—J. O. Tew
Rockfish—Z. B. Newton, R. L. Clifton, J. W. Fisher.
Rozier—M. J. Barker, A. Willis, D. F. Britt.
Shiloh—J. H. McGee, W. A. Seawell, D. E. Melvin.

We received letter from Tabernacle after we had returned from the association.

CLERK.

Proceedings.

The Cedar Creek Baptist Association met in its Forty-Eighth Annual Session with the church at Great Marsh, Robeson County, at 11 A. M., Wednesday, October 11, 1905

In the absence of the appointee, Rev. W. H. Davis, Brother R. D. Cross preached the introductory sermon—text Joshua IX, 14-15. The body then adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 2 o'clock. The Moderator read the 23d Psalm and Brother P. P. Meeks lead in prayer.

The body was called to order by the Moderator. The roll of churches was called by the clerk.

The Chair appointed Brethren B. H Johnson and R. L. Byrd reading clerks; H. Jones and S. H. Guy finance committee.

Letters were called for, read and messengers enrolled.

The rules of the constitution were suspended and the following were elected by acclamation; Rev. J. G. Fisher, moderator; G. B. Sessoms, clerk, and W. S. Johnson, treasurer.

The following brethren were welcomed to seats: Rev G. P. Harrell, representing Orphanage; Rev. E. J. Edwards, representing Biblical Recorder; J. A. Parham, the North Carolina Baptist; Rev. R. D. Cross and P. P. Meeks from the Robeson Association

The address of welcome was delivered by the Treasurer and responded to by G. P. Harrel and E. J. Edwards.

On motion the following report was read:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

From religious newspapers our people are informed about the needs and the prosperity of the Redeemer's Kingdom as they could not otherwise be, and we believe them to be the best and cheapest educators our people can secure.

We further believe that there should be at least one taken by every family; therefore we recommend to all our people the *Biblical Recorder*, *The North Carolina Baptist*, *Charity and Children* also the *Foreign Mission Journal* and *Homefield* as worthy a place in every home.

Respectfully submitted,
Jos. G. Fisher.

Speeches were made by E. J. Edwards, J. A. Parham, G. P. Harrell, R. D. Cross, R. L. Byrd, R. N. Cashwell, T. J. Baker, J. G. Fisher and E. G. Johnson. The report was adopted.

By motion the Association adjourned with song and benedictjon until Thursday at 9 A. M.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at the time appointed. The devotional exercises were conducted by J. A. Parham. The Association was called to order by the Moderator and the minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The following report on intemperance was read by Rev. E. J. Edwards from the minutes of 1904.

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Respectfully submitted,

W. H. DAVIS.

Remarks were made by E. G. Johnson, E. G. Edwards, G. P. Harrell, M. J. Barker, S. H. Johnson and Z. B. Newton. The report was adopted.

The list of churches not represented yesterday was called, letters read and messengers enrolled.

The Chair appointed the following committees: W. S. Johnson, M. J. Barker and M. Cashwell to arrange the program for the next session of the Association; Z. B. Newton and D.

A. McNeill to appoint delegates to the Southern Baptist and State Conventions; R. N. Cashwell and J. O. Tew to nominate brethren for Executive Board; E. G. Johnson and G. M. D. Howard, Auditing Committee. Brother J. Prevat, from French Broad, was welcomed to a seat.

There being no written report on Foreign Missions the subject was discussed as the great commission. Remarks were made by R. D. Cross, P. P. Meeks and R. N. Cashwell. Pledges were taken.

On motion the report on Orphanage was read by G. P. Harrell.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

At the time of the last session of this body the Orpanage was passing through the most severe scourge of sickness in its history. Ninety-eight children in all had typhoid, only two of these died. There was just one case of fever at the Orphanage the past summer, not one of thildren but one of the matrons. Had it not been for the safeguard of the deep well and the sewerage system there would more than likely have been another epidemic. Since last year the Chowan dormitory for boys, the central dining hall and the refitting of the infirmary have been finished. The Durham building is now being rebuilt and enlarged. Rev. M. L. Kesler, a native of Iredell and pastor of the Morganton church, has been called to succeed Rev. J. B. Bavne as General Manager, and has taken hold of the work enthusiastically and hopes by the help of the Lord through the brethren to lift the debt on the Orphanage within twelve months, and clear the way for the erection of two other dormitories that will accommodate eighty to one hundred more children. In order to clear away this debt the various associations are asked to increase their pledges fifty per cent.

G. P. Harrell.

Remarks were made by G. P. Harrell and E. J. Edwards. The report was adopted.

The following brethren made the following gifts to the Orphanage: C. H. Howard, $5; A. Davis, $5; J. Underwood, B. H. Johnson, T. B. McNeill, W. S. Johnson, W. O. Register, A. Ratley, G. M. D. Howard, R. D. Cross, R. N. Cashwell, J. O. Tew and one other whose name I have forgotten $1 each. The collection taken, with the above, amounted to $50. The association adjourned until 2 o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The service was opened with singing and prayer. The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Rev E. J. Edwards read the report on Home Missions from the minutes of 1904.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our beloved Lord and Master said to the church just before the ascension: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Here we have the text for our mission work, State Home and Foreign, and we cannot faithfully discharge our duty as the Lord's children and neglect either part of this work.

Home missions is that part of our work that comes in between State and Foreign mission work, reaching beyond the work of the State Mission Board and stopping at the beginning of the work of the Foreign Mission Board, and reaches a people untouched by either State or Foreign mission work, and is therefore, an essential factor in our mission work as southern Baptists in giving the Gospel to the people:

1st. To the foreign element that is rapidly pouring into our sunny southland, bringing with them all kinds of false religion and infidelity. This must be met with the Gospel of Christ, "for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

2nd. Doing mission work in the mountains of the Southern States in which until a few years ago much destitution prevailed, but is now being rapidly developed both in resources and religion.

3rd. To give the Gospel to the Red man of the far away West, to whom, if possible, we owe more than to any other nation of people on earth.

4th. Doing mission work most gratifying in the large cities of the South where is much need of work, and it must be done by us.

5th. In giving to Cuba a free Gospel where the dark cloud of Romanism has for centuries held the people in ignorance and superstition. We praise the Lord for the day when the Gospel light first shined on Cuba's sunny soil.

6th. In doing work among the negroes we cannot therefore expect to do our best for Home missions.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. Stephens.

Remarks were made by Rev. G. P. Harrell and E. J. Edwards. The report was adopted.

The next session of the Association was located which meets at Lebanon. Rev. R. N. Cashwell was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, J. O. Tew, alternate. Dr. J. J. Hall was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATION MISSION.

Report on Association Mission is first and foremost of all other missions for the fact it is beginning at Jerusalem; we believe we have some in the bounds of the Cedar Creek Association who have never heard a missionary Baptist sermon, therefore we recommend that we look after especially the western part of Cumberland County.

Respectfully submitted,
D. A. McNeill.

Remarks were made by R. D. Cross, Z. B. Newton, E. J. Edwards and R. N. Cashwell. Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, your committee, nominate the following brethren as your Executive Board: W. S. Johnson, H. Jones, Thomas Bennett, B. M. Smith, F. H. Hobbs, M. J. Barker and W. A. Beard.

R. N. Cashwell,
J. O. Tew,
Committee.

The committee on Conventions reports as follows: Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. R. N. Cashwell; State Convention, G. M. D. Howard, B. H. Johnson, Z. B. Newton, J. G. Fisher, D. C. Rogers, John McGee, J. O. Tew and R. L. Byrd.

Z. B. Newton,
D A. McNeill,
Committee.

Report on State Missions was called for.

State Missions lay the foundation for all other missions. World-wide evangelization is dependent largely upon State missions. It is in accord with the Divine plan, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature beginning at Jerusalem." Every church built up in the home land adds strength to our forces in the foreign fields. Year by year recruits are coming in and the Lord's treasury is being replenished from this source. As an investment there is no department of our work which yields such large returns. As glorious in results as has been this work there is still much to be done. Large destitutions are reported both in the East and West. The cry is for more laborers to enter the field, and may the Lord of the Harvest call them forth and then put it in the hearts of His people to support them, that our own beloved State may be saved for Christ, and the world receive the greatest blessing.

Respectfully submitted.
R N. CASHWELL

Address by L. Johnson. Pledges taken and report adopted

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We have examined the work of your Finance Committee and find it correct.

E. G. JOHNSON,
G. M. D. HOWARD,
Committee

On motion we have the following report on Sunday Schools:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The two principle aims of the Sunday Schools are, first, to lead the unconverted to Christ; second, to train Christians for greater usefulness in the service of God. The means used are the study and teaching of God's Word. We cannot conceive of a more noble work in which anyone can engage, or a better field in which all Christians may work for the advancement of Christ's kingdom. It is, as it were, the great recruiting station of the church. It is said that about 90 per cent. of the present church membership of the United States came in through the Sunday schools. It is an institution in which all persons, old and young, male and female, learned and unlearned may and should take an active part. For greater advancement in this great work we would earnestly recommend:

1. That we make an earnest effort to enlist in the Sunday schools every person within reach of one, both old and young, male and female, converted and unconverted.
2. That branch Sunday schools be organized in communities too remote from other Sunday schools for the people living in them to attend.
3. That every Sunday school, if possible, be kept open every month in the year.
4. That our teachers make a special effort to get their scholars to thoroughly prepare, as nearly as possible, their lessons at home and thus encourage home study of the Bible.
5 That a full report of each Sunday school be sent to the Association so that the minutes may contain complete Sunday school statistics.

6. That we patronize our Baptist Sunday School Board, at Nashville, Tenn., ordering our literature from them through our Baptist Book Store, at Raleigh, about two weeks before it is needed for distribution.

7 That we arrange with our State Sunday School Secretary to conduct a Sunday School Institute during the coming year at some convenient time and place for the purpose of training our officers and teachers and improving our Sunday school conditions.

8. That our July Union meeting and one Union meeting in each year thereafter be devoted to the discussion of topics pertaining to the Sunday school work.

9. That we heartily endorse the Sunday school department of the Baptist State Convention; that we recognize Sunday school missions as one of our regular objects of benevolence, and that we pledge ourselves to contribute towards its maintenance and enlargement. Respectfully submitted,

B. H. JOHNSON.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Ending October 11, 1905.

RECEIPTS.

Recd. of Finance Committee at Asso'n, Asso. Mis.	$ 28 53
" " " " object of Conven.	54 29
" " " " Gibbs,	18 33
" " " " minutes fund	23 55
Recd. from Manchester, Asso. Mis. - - -	19 90
" various other sources, - - -	39 92
Total, - - - - -	$284 52

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sent to the Treasurer of the Convention, - -	$154 29
" Gibbs, - - - - -	18 33
Paid to G. B. Sessoms, minutes fund, - - -	23 55
" Missionaries, - - - - -	88 35
Total, - - - - - -	$284 52

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. JOHNSON, Treas.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The work of the Board has been confined to the church at Manchester for the last year. Rev. W. H. Davis was employed to preach for the year and preached for two times, then moved to Southside, Wilmington. The Board tried to arrange for W. J. Cobb to preach. While thus waiting the Chairman filled the next two times. Then D. B. Humphry was employed for the balance of the year holding a revival of six days, assisted by the Chairman of the Board. There was no addition, but we feel the Church is in a better condition and we hope they will soon come in new strength and we will yet have a foothold in that destitute section. Resbectfully submitted,

W. S. JOHNSON, Chairman.
F. H. HOBBS. Secretary.

PROGRAM FOR THE CEDAR CREEK ASSOCIATION.

To meet with the church at Lebanon Baptist, on Wednesday, after the second Sunday in October, 1906.

WEDNESDAY.

11:00 a. m.– Sermon by Rev. R. N. Cashwell.
1:30 p. m.—Reading letters and organizing.
3:00 p. m.—Report Sunday Schools, D. A. McNeill.

THURSDAY.

9:00 a. m.—Religious exercise.
10:00 a. m,—Report on Fereign Missions, Rev. T J. Baker.
1:00 p. m.— " " State Missions, R. L. Byrd.
2:00 p. m.— " " Home Missions, J. G. Fisher.
3:00 p. m.— " " Association Missions, R. N. Cashwell.

FRIDAY.

9:00 a. m.—Religious exercises.
10:00 a. m.—Report on Temperance, B. H. Johnson.
11:00 a. m.—Missionary sermon, Dr. J. J. Hall.
1:00 p. m.—Locating next Association and other miscellaneous business. Respectfully submitted,

W. S. JOHNSON, Chairman.

On motion the clerk was allowed $8 for his services and to have balance of minute funds expended in printing and distributing minutes. That a number be sent to each church in proportion to what the said church has contributed to this object.

A resolution of thanks was extended to this church and community for the kind hospitality to us during the session of the Association.

On motion that the Board and Treasurer file their reports with the clerk.

Brother J. P. ——— was appointed to preach Friday at 11 A. M.

The Association then adjourned to meet with the church at Lebanon. Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1906

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Associational Mis.	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidentals.	Minutes Fund.	Sunday School Expenses.	Poor.	Value of Church Property.	Other Objects.	Building and Repairing.	Ministerial Education.	S. S. Missions.
Beaver Dam	$ 2 50	$ 2 50	$ 2 50	$2 00	$ 2 50	$	$ 75 00	$	$ 75	$	$ ...	$ 1000	$	$ ...	$	$ ...
Bladen Union	5 80	6 00	5 76	3 00	8 00	3 00	80 00	2 25	1 00	10 00	...	450	29 90	3 00	....	....
Cape Fear	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	21 00	5 00	65 00		1 00		...	600	10 00	..	....	....
Cedar Creek	18 89	8 55	35 31	7 14	77 17	6 37	125 00	24 75	2 75	12 08	...	800	3 75		....	....
Cumberland Union	5 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	11 75	5 00	180 00	....	1 40	5 00		700	11 00	4 00	....	....
Great Marsh	17 55	8 51	70 99	2 50	59 12	8 70	121 16	5 00	1 80	16 93	12 00	400	25 10		....	....
Green Springs	5 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	11 33	3 00	132 47	...	1 85	5 00	...	600	13 00	1 30	1 33	1 94
Hope Mills	15 00	15 45	17 50	8 00	20 60	5 00	125 00	..	2 15	59 50	.	800	96 15	....	17 00	....
Judson	6 09	5 02	6 62	5 00	6 04	5 04	100 00	5 00	1 00	5 00	8 00		75	1 52	....	....
Lebanon	2 72	....	2 27	2 00	5 00	.	100 00	....	1 25			600	20 00	3 00	....	....
Mt.Gilead	3 50		3 60	3 44	6 50	3 50	100 00	...	1 00	10 00	5 00	1000	75 00	....		....
Mt,Pisgah	4 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	4 00	1 50	100 00	....	60	12 00	.	350	50 00	....	1 50	....
Massey Hill	12 32	10 00	10 00	4 75	15 70	5 00	150 00	...	1 25	..	6 00	650	25 85	84 22	....	...
Manchester			..	2 50	1 00	...	....	...	....	....	....	..	2 00	....	....	....
Tabernacle	1 00	85	1 40	2 00	1 00	1 50	33 00	...	1 00	....	....	250		....	....	....
Rozier	8 53	8 59	13 00	8 00	9 47	6 70	71 17	...	1 00		....	1000	15 70		....	....
Rockfish	10 50	11 00	18 50	3 00	25 00	....	2 00	22 00	1 00	44 22	...	1300	14 55	93 43	3 00	....
Sharon		..		.....		.	.	....			....	...	.	....	....	....
Shiloh	6 39	2 15	8 01	..	2 23	2 15	75 00	....	70	..	...	.....	24 61	....	....	....
Union Springs		....		....		....	....	....	....				....		....	....

CHURCHES.	Time of Preaching Sunday.	PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.	PRESIDENTS W. M. S. AND THEIR ADDRESSES	No. Members	S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.	No. Members.
Beaver Dam	2nd	J. G. Fisher, Cotton	J. A. Hall, Clay Fork				
Bladen Union	1st	R. N. Cashwell, Parkton	M. N. Tyson, Parkton	S. F. Davis, Willis Creek		J. R. Biddle, Edonia	108
Cape Fear	2nd	M. A. Stephens, Autryville	R. L. Butler, Sherwood			A. J. Guy, Sherwood	56
Cedar Creek	2nd	M. A. Stephens, Autryville	G. F. Wheeler, Stedman	Mary A. Downing, Cedar Creek	52	A. B. Smith, Cedar Creek	112
CumberlandUnion	1st	J. A Smith, Wilmington	A. Thagard, Cedar Creek	Miss Lizzie Averitt, Elease	29	A. J. Hall, Lena	69
Great Marsh	4th	T. J. Baker, Parkton	A. C. Rozier, St. Paul's			E. G. Johnson, St. Paul's	94
Green Springs	2nd	T. J. Baker, Parkton	W. S Bramble, Hope Mills	Mary McMillan, Parkton	30	M. Cashwell, Hope Mills	99
Hope Mills	2nd	J. M. Gibbs, Cotton	J. F. Byrne, Jr., Cotton	Stella Byrne, Cotton	17	D. W. Trogden, Cotton	164
Judson	4th	M. A. Stephens, Autryville	G. B. Sessoms, Fayetteville.	Miss Lou Sessoms, Fayetteville	14	F. H Hobbs, Fayetteville	58
Lebanon	2nd	J. J. Hall, Fayetteville	A. L Beard, Fayetteville			J. C. Beard, Fayetteville	55
Mt. Gilead	4th	M. A. Stephens, Autryville	J R. Luther, do	Miss Ola Harris, Fayetteville	20	Thos. Bennett, Fayetteville	57
Mt. Pisgah	1st	A. E. C. Pittman, Rennert	T. A. Hall, Sherwood			E. M. Hall, Sherwood	67
Massey Hill	2nd	J. O. Tew, Fayetteville	J. A. Barrett, Fayetteville	Ella Tew, Fayetteville	50	W. I. Lanier, Fayetteville	175
Manchester		D. B. Humphrey	H. J. Kivett, Manchaster				
Tabernacle	3rd	R. N. Cashwell, Parkton	J. R. Capps, Rockfish				
Rozier	3rd	J. G. Fisher, Cotton	M. J. Barker, Rennert			E J. Biggs, Rennert, RFD No. 2	65
Rock Fish	4th	R. D. Cross, Lumber Bdg.	D. C. Rogers, Hope Mills	Mrs. D. C. Rogers, Hope Mills	17	D. C. Rogers, Hope Mills	138
Sharon							
Shiloh	2nd	R. L. Byrd, Tolarsville	W. A. Seawell, White Oak			J. H. McGee, White Oak, RFD. 1	
Union Springs							

STATISTICAL TABLE.										Report of Finance Committee.										Table of Pledges			
CHURCHES.	Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	State Missions	Associa t'n Mission.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions.	Orphanage	Minutes Furd	Ministers Relief.	Education,	S. S. Missions.	Total.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage
Beaver Dam	..	3	..	5	2	1	34	74	108	$2 50	$2 00	$ 2 50	$2 50	$2 50	$ 75	$ ..	$....	$ ...	$12 75	$.	$.	$	$ ..
Bladen Union	5	2	..	8	..	3	57	85	142	5 80	3 00	5 76	4 00	8 00	1 00	3 00	....	..	30 56	5 00	2 50	10 00	7 50
Cape Fear	1	..	..	3		1	23	36	59	1 25	4 19	2 76	2 75	.....	1 00	4 00	....	....	15 95	5 00	...	5 00	10 00
Ceder Creek	17	3	2	8	2	1	83	149	243	...	..	....	....		2 75	...	....	...	2 75	5 00	5 00	5 00	7 50
Cumberland Union	2	1	..	5	2		43	63	106	3 00	- ...	......	...	1 40	1 00	2 00	...	...	7 40	5 00	5 00	5 00	10 00
Great Marsh	1	5	1	3		4	86	109	195	4 00	..	...	....	3 28	1 80	2 20	.	.....	11 28	15 00	10 00	50 00	40 00
Green Springs	6	3	3	13	3	1	61	104	165	3 14	1 38	10 00	5 00	1 80	1 85	3 00	1 33	1 94	29 64	....	5 00	10 00	15 00
Hope Mills	8	12	..	7	2	..	47	96	143	..	5 00	...	....	.	2 15	5 00	...	...	12 15	15 00	12 00	20 00	20 00
Judson	3	2	3	17	9	2	64	101	165		40	....	1 50	6 04	1 00	1 50	.	.....	10 44	5 00	.	3 00	5 00
Lebanon	...	...	...	3	..	4	48	58	106	2 72	2 00	....			1 25		...	....	5 47	5 00	2 50	5 00	5 00
Mt. Gilead	4	1	..	3	2	1	48	48	96	1 69	.	1 61	55	6 50	1 00	1 20	....	...	12 45	5 00	....	5 00	5 00
Mt. Pisgah	12	8	..	...		1	56	58	114	1 00	2 00	4 00	1 50	..	60	1 50	....	...	10 60	4 00	4 00	4 00	5 00
Massey Hill	15	12	2	18	2	2	56	93	147	....	2 00	....	....	...	1 25	5 00	....	...	8 25	10 00	5 00	15 00	15 00
Manchester	...	..	..	..		--	..	..	..	...	1 50	....	....	1 00	...	...	..	..	2 50	....	....	....	1 00
Tabernacle	3	..	..	..	..	.	17	15	32	...	.....		...	....	1 00	...	.	..	1 00				....
Rozier	9	1	1	5	5		27	37	64	1 53	...	8 59	....	....	1 00	...		...	11 12	5 00	10 00	10 00	8 00
Rockfish	...	6	1	10	4	1	50	97	147	...	3 00	1 25	...	12 00	1 00	....	3 00	...	20 25	6 00	5 00	8 00	30 00
Sharon	...			..							....		..		.		..	.....	..				
Shiloh	2	...	6	6	4	2	27	58	85	5 14	....	1 04	2 15	2 23	70	2 15	....	...	13 16	5 00	2 00	5 00	3 00
Union Springs	..	...	...	..	...	...	.	.	.						...	....				....		....	..

Great Marsh contributes to Foreign Missions through the Gospel Mission plan.

Cedar Creek Baptist Association

1906

Forty-Ninth Annual Session

Held with

LEBANON CHURCH

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This association shall be denominated and known as The Cedar Creek Baptist Association.

ART. 2 The object of this association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament

ART. 3. This association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches in this association.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. 5. The officers of this association shall be a moderator, a clerk and a treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a ballot from among the members of the churches composing this association by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside during the deliberation of the body, to enforce an observance of the constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and giving the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distributing of the minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the minutes.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated He shall also make to the association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. 9. The association shall appoint an executive board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of associational missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse alll sums paid to them by the treasurer of the association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the interval between the meetings of this body. The meetings of this board shall be answerable to the association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the association of their doings.

ART. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an annual session of this body through the delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the association shall consent to receive her the moderator shall extend the right of fellowship to the delegates.

ART. 11. The associaiton shall not maintain tellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

ART. 12. The association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all privileges of regular delegates except that of voting.

Art. 13. The annual session of this association shall commence on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in October at such place as the association may select.

Art. 14. By appointment there shall be preached at each annual session an introductory and missionary sermon.

Art. 15. This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

PROGRAMME.

WEDNESDAY.

11 a. m.—Introductory sermon by J. M. Gibbs.

1:15 p. m.—Reading letters and organization. Report on Association Missions—W. S. Johnson. Report of Executive Board. Temperance—J. O. Tew.

THURSDAY.

Appointment of Committees. Sunday Schools—J. M. Gibbs. Periodicals—A. E. C. Pittman. Foreign Missions—R. L. Byrd. State Missions—J. W. Watson. Orphanage—W. R. Johnson.

FRIDAY.

Education—N. C. Thagard. Home Missions—R. N. Cashwell. Missionary sermon—J. W. Watson. Location of next Association. Miscellaneous business.

J. P. Thames, } Committee.
Z. B. Newton, }

...MINUTES...

OF THE

49TH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Cedar Creek Baptist Association

HELD WITH

LEBANON CHURCH, CUMBERLAND CO.

OCTOBER 17, 18, 19, 1906.

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OFFICERS:

REV. W. R. JOHNSON, Moderator, - Cedar Creek, N. C.
J. B. SESSOMS, Clerk, - R. F. D. No. 5, Fayetteville, N. C.
W. S. JOHNSON, Treasurer, - - - Rennert, N. C.

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TIME OF MEETING:

The next Session will be held with Mt. Pisgah Church, Cumberland County, October 16, 17, 18 1907.

List of Delegates.

Beaver Dam—
Bladen Union—D. Tyson, J. E. Willis, C. S. Council.
Cape Fear J. P. Thames, G. L. Breese, A. J. Guy.
Cedar Creek—W. R. Johnson, N. C. Thagard, J. M. Faircloth.
Cumberland Union—S. H. Johnson, D. R. Mintz, D. J. Hall.
Green Springs—T. J. Council, R. L. Braxton, J. H. Canady.
Great Marsh—N. Allen, A. C. Willoughby, B. H. Johnson.
Hope Mills—P. Fisher, T. B. McNeill, J. M. Gibbs.
Judson—L. McDaniel, W. H. Downing, C. J. Smith.
Lebanon – W. J. Olive, D. J. Smith, D. L. Downing.
Manchester—R. P. Howard.
Mt. Pisgah—T. A. Hall, C. H. Ellis, Walter Evans.
Mt. Gilead—P. P. Davis, C. C. Harris, J. E. Hubbard.
Massey Hill—J. O. Tew, J. Hair, Wilson Hawkins.
Rockfish—Z. B. Newton, R. L. Clifton, B. J. Willingham.
Shiloh—H. H. Butler, J. S. Cain, W. F. McGee.
Rozier M. J. Barker, S. O. Willis, F. J. Deese.
Sharon—
Union Springs—R. L. Clifton, W. H. Heathcock, J. A. West.
Evergreen—E. M. Vinson, A. P. Hall, J. L. Vinson.
Cedar Falls—
Tabernacle—W. S. Townsend, J. A. Jessup, Thos. Barefoot.

Letter from Beaver Dam received after the Association had adjourned.

Clerk.

Ordained Ministers.

R. N. Cashwell	Parkton, N. C.
A. E. C. Pittman	Rennert, N. C.
J. O. Tew.	Fayetteville, N. C.
J. M. Gibbs	Cotton, N. C.
W. R. Johnson.	Cedar Creek, N. C.

Exeuctive Board.

W. S. Johnson	Rennert, N. C.
N. C. Thagard	Cedar Creek, N. C.
W. H. Downing	Fayetteville, N. C.
W. A. Beard	Fayetteville, N. C.
D. E. Beard	Tatum, S. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Cedar Creek Baptist Association met in its Forty-ninth Annual Session with the church at Lebanon, Cumberland county, October 17, 1906.

Owing to the inclement weather the attendance was not very large, but the interest was great.

11 a. m., introductory sermon by Rev. R. N. Cashwell—text Luke X, 21.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association, being without a Moderator, was called to order by the Clerk.

Rev. W. R. Johnson was elected Moderator *pro tem.*

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator, who read the 103rd Psalm.

The roll of churches was called, and fifteen responded.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren: B. H. Johnson and J. M. Gibbs as reading clerks; W. S. Johnson and J. M. Faircloth as a finance committee.

Letters were read, delegates enrolled and petitioning letters tabled.

The following officers were elected: Moderator, Rev. W. R. Johnson; Clerk, G. B. Sessoms; Treasurer, W. S. Johnson.

The Chair extended an invitation to visiting brethren.

The address of welcome was made by Dr. J. J. Hall and responded to by Rev. A. E. C. Pittman.

The following committees were appointed by the Chair during the session:

Sunday Schools—B. H. Johnson.
Memorial—J. M. Gibbs, W. S. Johnson, W. R. Johnson.
Programme—Z. B. Newton, J. P. Thames.
Periodicals—J. A. Oates.
Foreign Missions H. C. Moore.
Digest—Z. B. Newton, J. P. Thames.
Orphanage—A. Johnson.

To Nominate Executive Board—Z. B. Newton, J. P. Thames.

To Nominate Delegates to the State Convention—Z. B. Newton, J. P. Thames.

To Nominate Delegates to the S. Baptist Convention—

B. H. Johnson, A. E. C. Pittman.

Home Missions—J. S. Farmer.

State Missions—S. F. Conrad.

On motion, one hour was to be spent at some time during the session in a memorial service to our beloved Moderator, Rev. J. G. Fisher, who died Dec. 5th, 1905.

Remarks were made concerning Article 3rd of the Constitution After much discussion the said article was changed to read as follows:

ARTICLE 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches in this Association.

The following report was read by B. H. Johnson from the minutes of 1905:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The two principal aims of the Sunday Schools are, first, to lead the unconverted to Christ; second, to train Christians for greater usefulness in the service of God The means used are the study and teaching of God's Word. We cannot conceive of a more noble work in which anyone can engage, or a better field in which all Christians may work for the advancement of Christ's kingdom. It is, as it were, the great recruiting station of the church. It is said that about 90 per cent. of the present church membership of the United States came in through the Sunday schools. It is an institution in which all persons, old and young, male and female, learned and unlearned, may and should take an active part. For greater advancement in this great work we would earnestly recommend:

1. That we make an earnest effort to enlist in the Sunday schools every person within reach of us, both old and young, male and female, converted and unconverted.
2. That branch Sunday schools be organized in communities too remote from other Sunday schools for the people living in them to attend.
3. That every Sunday school, if possible, be kept open every month in the year.
4. That our teachers make a special effort to get their scholars to thoroughly prapare, as nearly as possible, their lessons at home, and thus encourage home study of the Bible.
5. That a full report of each Sunday school be sent to the Association, so that the minutes may contain complete Sunday school statistics.
6. That we patronize our Baptist Sunday School Board, at Nashville, Tenn., ordering our literature from them through our Baptist Book Store, at Raleigh, about two weeks before it is needed for distribution.
7. That we arrange with our State Sunday School Secretary to conduct a Sunday School Institute during the coming year, at some convenient time and place, for the purpose of training our officers and teachers and improving our Sunday school conditions.
8. That our July Union and one Union meeting in each year there-

after be devoted to the discussion of topics pertaining to the Sunday school work.

9. That we heartily endorse the Sunday school department of the Baptist State Convention; that we recognize Sunday school missions as one of our regular objects of benevolence, and that we pledge ourselves to contribute towards its maintenance and enlargement.

Respectfully submitted,
B. H. Johnson.

After some discussion by B. H. Johnson, C. Musselwhite and J. M. Gibbs the report was adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned until Thursday at 9 a. m.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association opened with song at 9 a. m, W. S. Johnson leading the devotional exercises.

The body was called to order by the Moderator and the roll of churches called. Letters from Bladen Union and Shiloh were read. The letter from Bladen Union, asking for the next session of the Association, was tabled for further consideration. The minutes were read and approved.

On motion report of Executive Board was accepted for report on Associational Missions.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We beg leave to report the following: We have kept Rev. D. B. Humphrey at Manchester all the year. He has held a three days' meeting, assisted by Rev. R. N. Cashwell. He reports the church in a encouraging condition, but no additions. At the meeting of the Board at Cedar Creek in April they took up the little churches at Cedar Falls and Union Springs, sending Rev J. O. Tew to Cedar Falls. He reports good attention, but small congregations. The church house is in the hands of a creditor, but is still used by the church. He cannot tell what will be the outcome.

We sent Rev. J. M. Gibbs to Union Springs. He reports the outlook encouraging. The factories are in running condition, with hands there to operate them, among whom are some of our faith. He thinks we may yet build up at that place.

We have received all the funds we needed, and have some still in the hands of the Treasurer. We thank you for your faithful co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,
M. J. Barker, Sec'y. W. S. Johnson, Chmn.

Remarks were made by R. N. Cashwell, A. E. C. Pittman, R. L. Clifton, W. S. Johnson, Z. B. Newton, J. M. Gibbs, J. O. Tew and W. R. Johnson.

The Chair welcomed to seats Brothers J. A. Oates, S. F. Conrad and H. C. Moore.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In obedience to the great command of our Lord, the Baptists of the South are sending the Gospel to seven foreign countries. Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and Italy are Papal countries; Africa, China and Japan are pagan.

Our missionaries are being greatly blessed in their labors. Last year the number of baptisms was two thousand, and the fields were white unto the harvest.

In order to support the work $1,000 a day is required, and much more could be wisely spent on our missionary fields Let us pray to the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth new laborers into the fields, and let us enlarge our offerings for their support.

H. C. Moore.

Remarks were made by H. C. Moore, J. J. Hall, S. F. Conrad and W. S. Johnson. The report was adopted and pledges were taken.

The following resolution was adopted: That each church in this Association have quarterly service with collection for Foreign Missions.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body reassembled at the time appointed, opened with song and prayer, and was called to order by the Moderator.

The letter from Lebanon was read, and delegates were enrolled.

Evergreen was received from the South River Association into this Association, and the delegates extended the right hand of fellowship.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Whereas, On December 5th, 1905, God, in His infinite wisdom, saw fit to remove from our midst our beloved Moderator, Elder J. G. Fisher; therefore, be it resolved,

1. That we have lost one of our most earnest, efficient and faithful leaders; that we are thankful for the influence and inspiration of his life. Truly, his was a life which flowed on like rivers that water the woodlands. That, while we so deeply feel our loss, we bow in submission to Him who doeth all things well, remembering that

> "The stars which faded shall again throw light upon the gloom;
> The summer flower shall once more in magic beauty bloom."

2. That we cherish his memory and virtues, especially his spirit of self-sacrifice, earnest devotion to the cause of Christ and abiding faith in God's promises.

3. That we extend to the bereaved widow and children our deepest sympathy, and point them to the great fountain-head of all sympathy, Who has promised to be a comfort to those who mourn, our "refuge and strenghth, a very present help in time of trouble"

4. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Association, and that a copy be sent to the North Carolina Baptist, the "Biblical Recorder" and the family of the deceased.

John M. Gibbs, Chairman,
W. R. Johnson,
W. S. Johnson.

Remarks were made by J. M. Gibbs, Jno. A. Oates and W. R. Johnson.

The report on Sunday Schools was reconsidered. H. C. Moore, Field Secretary, delivered an address.

The Chair welcomed to seats Dr. Poteat, of Wake Forest College; A. Johnson, representing the Orphanage, and J. S. Farmer, representing the "Biblical Recorder."

An address on Education was delivered by Dr. Poteat.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

There are 333 children at the Orphanage, and their general health is excellent. Two new buildings are in process of erection, which will increase the capacity of the institution to about 400. The running expenses of the Orphanage are some sixty dollars a day, and the cost of maintaining an orphan is a little more than six dollars a month. This includes not only the feeding and clothing of the children, but the salaries of all the employees and other current expenses No other institution of its class in the country is run at a lower per capita cost. The new general manager, Rev. M. L. Kesler, is proving to be the right man in the right place. His strong common sense and his executive abilities, as well as his energy, enthusiasm and tender sympathy for the helpless and weak, certainly fit him for the delicate and difficult position which he fills.

A debt of about $5,000 hangs over the Orphanage, which ought to be wiped out. We urge upon our churches to hold Thanksgiving services and take a collection for this purpose.

We also recommend to all the Sunday schools that they adopt the plan of taking one collection each month for the benefit of the Orphanage. This is being done by nearly 400 Baptist Sunday schools in North Carolina. The circulation of "Charity and Children" has reached 11,000. We commend this paper to all our people. The giving of the cup of cold water in the name of the Master shall not lose its reward Our people should find joy in giving more than that to the most defenseless class of human beings in our State, the homeless children of our dead brethren.

A Johnson.

Pledges and a cash collection of $6.45 were taken.

The following resolution was passed: That each Sunday school in this Association take a special collection one Sunday in each month for the Orphanage.

The funds on hand were turned over to Bro. Johnson.

The Association adjourned until Friday at 9 a. m.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

At 9 a. m. devotional exercises were conducted by J. S. Farmer, who read the 1st Psalm. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and the minutes were read and approved.

The following report was read by Rev. S. F. Conrad:

PERIODICALS.

We appreciate fully the value of the printed page in the dissemination of knowledge and the fostering and fixing of truth in the minds of the people. The newspaper, and tractlet, and book do their work quietly and surely in the home where the teacher and preacher cannot always go. The progress and prosperity of our work depends upon the keeping before the people constantly the need of the work.

Our newspapers are the chief agencies in bringing to the attention of the people the need of work of the foreign fields, and of our Southland with its varied and growing industries, and of North Carolina with its wonderful progress, and of our educational and benevolent institutions.

As the people know of thse objects they are impelled to appreciate and support them. The Baptist who does not know about our great denominational work is limited in his spiritual horizon, and limits his sympathies and gifts to the sphere of his own knowledge. The non-reading church is a non-prosperous church, giving little to further the gospel of Jesus Christ. Every Baptist ought to read a Baptist paper. He is not feeding his spiritual nature as he should unless he does thus keep in touch with the needs of a lost world. North Carolina is wonderfully blessed in its Baptist literature. The "Biblical Recorder," the "North Carolina Baptist" and "Charity and Childen" are all growing and progressing and worthy of your best patronage We urge you, brethren, to keep a Baptist paper in your home Its mission there is to strengthen, and enthuse, and comfort. Keep out the bad literature with its manifold and seductive capacity for evil, and put in your home papers that defend righteousness and point the way to everlasting life.

Jno. A. Oates.

Remarks were made by S. F. Conrad, J. S. Farmer and W. R. Johnson.

The letter from Mt. Pisgah was read and the messengers were enrolled. The said letter, which asked for the next session of the Association, was tabled.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The work of State Missions is gratifying to a high degree.

Nearly every Association is co-operating with the State Mission Board and making regular contributions to the work. It is a matter worthy of note that as we have enlarged our contributions the Lord has enlarged His blessings. Many mission churches which we helped by the Board are now among the largest contributors to the work. We have planted the Gospel in many new fields, and constantly others, equally as inviting, are springing up before us.

We shall remember that State Missions underlie all the most favored enterprises. State Missions are largely the foundation of Home and Foreign Missions, and also our educational and orphanage work. The money we put in State Missions is like the money which a man invests in a farm, or a store, or a manufacturing plant, from which he derives an income to carry on other things.

We baptized ten thousand in North Carolina last year, and Bro. L. Johnson, our secretary, estimates that one-seventh of these were baptized by the missionaries of the Board. We employed 138 missionaries last year and expended for the work $30,000. We got back, in contributions on the field for church buildings and what was given to the support of our missionaries, $39,640 41, or $9,640.41 more than we gave the previous year. We could easily expend $100,000 for this work, and not supply the destitution. We urge that the pastors of this Association undertake systematic contributions for the work, and take the time and pains to inform the people of its needs.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. CONRAD.

Remarks were made by S. F. Conrad.

The missionary sermon was preached by Dr. J. J. Hall—subject, "The Other Sheep," text John x, 16.

Pledges were taken for State Missions.

The next session of the Association was located with Mt. Pisgah church, 7 miles from Fayetteville.

The committee to nominate an Executive Board reported as follows: W. S. Johnson, N. C. Thagard, H. Jones, M. J. Barker, W. A. Beard, Sr., W. H. Downing, D. E. Beard.

The delegates to the State Convention are as follows: W. R. Johnson, R. N. Cashwell, J. M. Gibbs, J. O. Tew, A. E. C. Pittman, J. W. Watson, Z. B. Newton, W. H. Downing, B. H. Johnson, G. B. Sessoms, W. J. Olive, J. P. Thames.

The delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention is Rev. A. E. C. Pittman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The work of the devil is to thwart the great plan of God for the redemption of mankiod; to degrade and drag down to perdition God's greatest creation outside of Heaven—the being he has made a little lower than the angels and has crowned with glory and honor. He has not a more successful agency for carrying out his plans than intemperance. The greater part of the crime that is committed and a large per cent. of human suffering are due to the evil influence of strong drink.

Although very encouraging progress has been made in the cause of temperhnce within the past few years, there yet remains much for the opponents of intemperance to do. We believe it to be the duty of every christian to endeavor to inculcate in the minds and hearts of his fellow men, both by precept and example, the principles of temperance; to use his influence in helping to execute the temperance laws that have already been passed, and to do all he can to secure the passage of a prohibition law for the entire State.

Respectfully submitted, B. H. JOHNSON.

The Association adjourned for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body reassembled at 2 p. m., and was called to order by the Moderator.

The report of the Finance Committee was read by W. S. Johnson.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We have examined the report of the Finance Committee, and find it correct.

N. C. Thagard,
W. J. Olive.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Ending Oct. 17, 1906.

Received of Finance Com. at Association at Great Marsh for objects of Convention	$220 80	
Minute Funds	19 45	
Gibbs	4 00	
Association Mis	26 47	
From other sources	96 81	367 53

DISBURSEMENTS.

Turned over to Rev. G. P Harrell	89 75	
Turned over to L. Johnson for Treasurer Con	140 11	
Paid G. B. Sessoms, Min. Fund	19 45	
Sent to J. M. Gibbs	4 00	
Paid to Missionary	51 89	305 20
Balance for Asso Mis. on hand		$62 33

Amounts received for Convention objects sent to the Treasurer as they came into my hands during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. Johnson, Treas.

A collection was taken to supplement the minute fund.

The following, presented by Rev. A. E. C. Pittman, was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That we extend a hearty vote of thanks to this church and community for the princely manner in which they have entertained this Association.

The Clerk was allowed $10.00 for his services.

After singing "Blest be the tie that binds," the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Mt. Pisgah on Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1907. Benediction by J. M. Gibbs.

Rev. W. R. JOHNSON, Moderator.
G. B. SESSOMS, Clerk.

For report of committee and Digest see Statistical and Financial Tables.

Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Baptisms	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total
Beaver Dam	1	5	4	4	1	1	36	76	112
Bladen Union	5	7	1	4	1	4	56	90	146
Cape Fear	4	3	---	2	---	1	27	34	61
Cedar Creek	6	2	---	---	3	4	90	.59	249
Cumberland Union	---	2	---	---	1	---	36	40	76
Green Springs	---	1	---	3	2	1	54	104	158
Great Marsh	8	5	---	---	2	---	95	113	208
Hope Mills	---	5	3	14	4	4	40	91	131
Judson	---	---	---	4	1	6	55	96	151
Lebanon	3	---	1	2	---	1	31	49	80
Manchester	---	---	---	---	1	---	4	10	14
Mt. Pisgah	8	8	---	---	1	3	60	68	128
Mt. Gilead	2	3	---	1	1	---	49	49	98
Massey Hill	6	2	---	2	---	---	51	99	150
Rockfish	---	4	---	10	1	2	46	92	138
Rozier	---	---	1	4	2	1	26	32	58
Shiloh	2	---	2	1	---	---	29	56	85
Sharon	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Tabernacle	3	---	---	---	---	---	19	16	35
Union Springs	---	6	---	---	---	---	3	13	16
Evergreen	3	1	2	---	4	1	25	28	53
Cedar Falls	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

TABLE OF PLEDGES

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Orph'n'ge
Beaver Dam	$ ------	$ ------	$ ------	$ ------
Bladen Union	10 00	10.00	15.00	5.00
Cape Fear	7 50	7.50	7.50	15.00
Cedar Creek	15.00	10.00	10.00	15 00
Cumberland Union	10 00	5.00	5.00	10.00
Green Springs	10.00	-------	5.00	15.00
Great Marsh	50.00	20 00	10.00	40.00
Hope Mills	20 00	15.00	15.00	20 00
Judson	5 00	5.00	5.00	5 00
Lebanon	7.50	5 00	5.00	5.00
Manchester	1 00	-------	-------	-------
Mt. Pisgah	7.50	8.00	7.00	7.50
Mt. Gilead	10.00	10.00	5.00	15.00
Massey Hill	15.00	10.00	7.00	15 00
Rockfish	10.00	6.00	5.00	30 00
Rozier	15.00	5.00	7.00	10.00
Shiloh	5.00	-------	-------	2.00
Sharon	-------	-------	-------	-------
Tabernacle	-------	-------	-------	-------
Union Springs	2.00	2.00	2 00	2.00
Evergreen	-------	5.00	4.00	5.00
Cedar Falls	-------	-------	-------	-------
Total	$ 200.50	$ 123.50	$ 107.50	$ 216.50

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Associational Missions	Orphanage	Minister's Relief	Minute Fund	Poor	Incidentals	Pastor's Salary	Other Objects	Improvements	Sunday School Expenses
Beaver Dam	$ 5.00	$ 3.50	$ 7.00	$ 2.20	$ 4.00	$	$	$	$	$ 125 00	$ 27.51	$	$ ....
Bladen Union	7.50	10.00	15 00	2.15	13.77	....	50	....	12.50	90.00	26.67	43 25	8.00
Cape Fear	5.32	5.52	5.00	3.63	16.76	1.27	1 00	....	....	125.00	20.50	....	....
Cedar Creek	16.76	24.43	28 06	12.97	34 20	7.12	2.50	....	19.21	125 00	2.40	....	12.08
Cumberland Union	10,14	13.94	8.65	5.75	10.00	2.62	90	....	....	180.00	20.69	....	....
Green Springs	11.02	15.02	10.65	5.00	16.10	3.00	2.35	....	....	100 00	7.00	....	6.00
Great Marsh	10,00	15 15	95.00	8.24	52.76	5.40	2.00	....	6.50	125.00	35.24	....	7.58
Hope Mills	12.00	15 00	20.00	8.00	20.00	....	2.00	5 00	....	127.52	46.02	34.00	34.87
Judson	1 65	2,88	1.82	1.00	4.37	1.64	1 00	4.39	....	100.00	....	....	....
Lebanon	2.50	5 00	5.00	2 00	5.00	....	2.00	....	....	100.00	....	147.90	7,00
Manchester	....	....	....	3.00	....	....	....	....	....	19.00	4.25	....	....
Mt. Pisgah	4.00	6.00	4.00	3.30	7.00	....	90	....	....	125.00	....	18.00	5.10
Mt. Gilead	6.14	11.87	3.00	4,50	10.00	3.00	1 00	....	....	125.00	23.71	5 00	3.00
Massey Hill	5.00	15.65	12.00	8.20	15.00	....	2.00	....	61.55	210.00	....	2.00	65.00
Rockfish	10.35	16.90	11 63	....	25.00	....	1.25	....	27.00	90.00	37.00	161.00	27.00
Rozier	10.00	5 00	20,00	13 00	13.00	5.00	55	....	....	66.45	....	99.40	....
Shiloh	2.80	14.28	....	....	....	....	50	....	....	75.00	....	....	....
Sharon	....	....	....	....	....	....	1.00	....	....	....	....	....	....
Tabernacle	60	1.40	25	1.50	1.00	....	75	....	....	50.00	1.00	....	....
Union Springs	....	....	2.00	....	....	....	50	....	....	....	....	53.57	11.56
Evergreen	50	50	1.00	90	....	....	90	....	....	....	....	....	....
Cedar Falls	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total	$ 121.18	$ 182.04	$ 240.06	$ 84.34	$ 258.02	$ 29.05	$ 23.60	$ 9.39	$ 126.76	$1927.97	$ 251.99	$ 641.22	$ 187.19

PASTORS AND CLERKS

CHURCHES.	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE	CLERKS	POST OFFICE	Time of Preaching Sunday
Beaver Dam	D S. Hewett	Shallotte	J. A. Hall	Autryville	4th
Bladen Union	R. N. Cashwell	Parkton	M. W. Tyson	Parkton	1st
Cape Fear	A. E. C Pitman	Rennert	R. L. Butler	Alderman	1st & 3rd
Cedar Creek	M. A. Stephens	Lumberton	G. F. Wheeler	Cedar Creek	1st
Cumberland Union	J. A. Smith	Wilmington	A. Thagard	Pembroke	1st
Green Springs	T. J. Baker	Parkton	R. L. Braxton	Hope Mills	3rd
Great Marsh	T. J. Baker	"	A. C. Bozier	St. Pauls	4th
Hope Mills	T. J Baker	"	J. F Byrne	Cotton	2nd
Judson			G. B. Sessoms	Fayetteville	4th
Lebanon	Dr. J. J. Hall	Fayetteville	D. L. Downing	"	2nd
Manchester	D. R. Humphrey	Lumberton	R. P. Howard	Manchester	2nd
Mount Pisgah	A. E. C. Pitman	Rennert	T. A. Hall	Sherwood	1st & 3rd
Mount Gilead	M. A. Stephens	Lumberton	P. P. Davis	Hope Mills	1st
Massey Hill	J. M. Gibbs	Cotton	A. J. Barrett	Fayetteville	2nd & 4th
Rock Fish	J. M. Gibbs	"	D. C. Rogers	Hope Hills	
Rozier	R. N. Cashwell	Parkton	M. J. Barker	St. Pauls	3rd
Shiloh	R. L. Byrd	Tolarsville	W. A. Seawell	White Oak	2nd
Sharon					
Tabernacle	D. B. Humphrey	Lumberton	G. R. Capps	Rockfish	3rd
Union Springs	J. M. Gibbs	Cotton	J. E. West	Fayetteville	
Evergreen	W. R. Johnson	Cedar Creek	A D. Bedsole		
Cedar Falls					

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Enrollment	Months Open	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICE.
Beaver Dam			
Bladen Union	83	12	Oscar F. Johnson, Squires
Cape Fear	51	12	A. J Guy, Sherwood
Cedar Creek	112	12	A. B. Smith Cedar Creek
Cumberland Union	58	10	S. J. Hall, Lena
Green Springs	94	12	M. Cashwell Hope Mills
Great Marsh	109	12	E. G Johnson, St. Pauls
Hope Mills	153	12	D. W. Trogdon, Cotton
Judson	59	12	G. H. Clark, Fayetteville
Lebanon	36	12	W. J. Olive, Wade
Manchester			
Mt. Pisgah	45	12	E. M. Hall, Sherwood
Mt. Gilead	55	12	Thos. Bennett, Fayetteville
Massey Hill	188	12	W G. Lanier, Fayetteville
Rockfish	153	12	D. C. Rogers, Hope Mills
Rozier	67	12	R. L. Baxley, St. Pauls
Shiloh			
Sharon			
Tabernacle			
Union Springs			R. L. Clifton, Hope Mills
Evergreen			
Cedar Falls			
Total Enrollment	1263		

Cedar Creek Baptist Association

1907

Fiftieth Annual Session

Held with

Mt. Pisgah Church

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Cedar Creek Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates and the ordained ministers having care of churches in this Association.

Art. 4 The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and giving the casting vote in case of tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distributing of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

Art. 8 It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

Art. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Associaton for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

Art. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an Annual Session of this body, through the delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her, the Modorator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Art. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

Art. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates, except that of voting.

Art. 13. The Annual Session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the 3rd Sabbath in October, at such a place as the Association may select.

Art. 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an Introductory and a Missionary sermon.

Art. 15 This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY.

11:00 a. m. Introductory Sermon—J. M. Gibbs.
1:15. Reading letters and organizing. Periodicals—W. J. Olive. Sunday Schools—D. C. Rogers.

THURSDAY.

Education—R. L. Byrd. Foreign Missions—D. E. Melvin. State Missions—W. S. Johnson. Home Missions —J. M. Gibbs. Temperance—W. R. Johnson. Location of the next Association.

FRIDAY.

Orphange—J. P. Thames. Report of Executive Board. Missionary Sermon—R. N. Cashwell.

H. B. Downing,
Z. B. Newton,
Committee.

MINUTES

OF THE

50TH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CEDAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

MT. PISGAH CHURCH

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

OCTOBER 16TH, 17TH, 18TH, 1907.

OFFICERS

REV. W. R. JOHNSON, Moderator, - Cedar Creek, N. C.
G. B. SESSOMS, Clerk, R. F. D. No. 5, Fayetteville, N. C.
J. P. THAMES, Treasurer, - - - Sherwood, N. C.

TIME OF MEETING

Next Session will be held with Bladen Union Church, October 14, 15, 16, 1908.

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J. W. Watson	Hope Mills
J. M. Gibbs	Cotton
R. N. Cashwell	Parkton
W. R. Johnson	Cedar Creek

Executive Board

W. S. Johnson	Rennert
J. P. Thames	Sherwood
M. J. Barker	St. Pauls
H. B. Downing	Cedar Creek
D. E. Melvin	White Oak
D. J. Smith	Fayetteville
P. P. David	Hope Mills

List of Delegetes

Beaver Dam—*
Bladen Union—D. Tyson, W. N. Tolar, P. V. Holland.
Cape Fear—J. P. Thames, G. T. Rackley, A. J. Guy.
Cedar Creek—H. B. Downing, E. J. Johnson.
Cumberland Union—J. E. Harris, R. W. Hair.
Green Springs—T. J. Council.
Great Marsh—N. Allen, A. C. Willoughby.
Hope Mills—T. P. Hulon, J. F. Fisher, J. T. Harris.
Judson—John Horn, E. J. Burgess.
Lebanon—D. J. Smith, W. J. Olive, J. C. Beard.
Manchester—R. P. Howard.
Mt. Pisgah—L. J. McLean, C. H. Ellis, D. G. O'Neal.
Mt. Gilead—O. R. David, J. David, D. F. Harris.
Massey Hill—R. C. Hawkins, M. H. Smith.
Rockfish—Z. B. Newton, R. L. Clifton, D. C. Rogers.
Shiloh—C. A. Evans, A. D. Bedsole.
Rozier—E. J. Biggs. W. R. White.
Sharon—D. E. Beard.
Union Springs- Andrew Overton.
Evergreen—
Cedar Falls—
Tabernacle—J. R. Capps, W. A. West.

*Letter from Beaver Dam was received after the Association was over.

PROCEEDINGS

MT. PISGAH BAPTIST CHURCH,
Cumberland County, October 16, 1907.

The Cedar Creek Baptist Association met in its 50th annual session, at 11 o'clock a. m. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. Johnson, Secretary State Mission Board; text, 2 Cor. 2-11.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:20 p. m. the Association reassembled.

Devotional exercises by Rev. R. L. Byrd reading 10th chapter of Romans.

The house was called to order by Moderator W. R. Johnson. Roll of churches was called and 20 responded.

The Moderator appointed W. A. Humphrey and J. W. Watson as Reading Clerks, and W. S. Johnson and E. J. Biggs as a Finance Committee.

Letters were read, delegates enrolled, and petitionary letters tabled.

The following officers were elected by acclamation:

Rev. W. R. Johnson, Moderator.
G. B. Sessoms, Clerk.
J. P. Thames, Treasurer.

Remarks by the Moderator.

The address of welcome was delivered by R. N. Cashwell, and responded to by J. S. Farmer.

The Chair extended an invitation to visiting brethren. Rev. J. S. Farmer and Rev. L. Johnson made themselves known.

On motion, State Missions was made special order for 10:30 Thursday morning.

The Moderator appointed the following committees during the session:

Programme—Z. B. Newton, R. N. Cashwell, H. B. Downing.

To Nominate Delegates to State Convention—J. W. Watson, H. B. Downing.

To Nominate Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—J. M. Gibbs, E. G. Johnson.

Digest—J. P. Thames, W. S. Johnson.

To Nominate Executive Board—R. L. Byrd.
Periodicals—J. S. Farmer, J. A. Oates.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." We have here the mission of Christ. His mission was to save a lost world. So God has not only honored us in giving His Son to die for us, but He has honored His people in committing to them the great work of carrying the Gospel to every nation. After His resurrection Christ told His disciples, "As the Father hath sent Me, even so send I you." "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." "Go" should be our watchword. No limits, save every creature, should mark our bounds; no difficulties, save death, dampen our zeal. Let us transmit the Gospel until every nation, tribe and tongue shall join with us in one grand anthem:

"All hail the power of Jesus' name,
  Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
  And crown Him Lord of all."

R. L. BYRD.

This report was discussed by J. S. Farmer, R. L. Byrd, W. A. Humphrey and H. B. Downing. The report was adopted.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That delegates instruct their churches to raise 25 cents per capita for Foreign Missions for the ensuing year, and that each pastor preach one Foreign Mission sermon quarterly.

Pledges were then taken.

After announcements the Association adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association assembled at 9:30 o'clock. Opened with song. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. S. Johnson. The body was called to order by the Moderator. Roll of churches called and minutes of Wednesday read and approved. The Moderator welcomed to seats Dr. J. J. Hall of Fayetteville and M. L. Kesler of the Orphanage.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

All things good and great must grow. Life means growth. Nothing is born full-grown. The seed sprouts, puts forth roots, stalks, branches, foliage, flowers and fruit. The beginning is small, but by process of growth internal possibilities are developed into the mature fruit-bearing tree. The same is true with a life or an institution. In its beginning the Sunday school was crude in its aim, organization and methods of work. But as the small rivulet that meanders down the mountain side at length grows into a river, so the Sunday school, which was a little rill of unconscious influence at first, has, by the persistent efforts of its friends, augmented and grown into a river of conscious good. The friends of the Sunday school have seen ever enlarging visions of its possibilities, and by Divine guidance have thought and planned for its efficiency To-day large and worthy aims inspire the workers, and up-to-date, effective methods are employed to accomplish this end. We believe—

(1) In the Sunday school, as the church, engaged in studying and teaching the Scriptures.

(2) In a Sunday school in every Baptist church.

(3) In a Sunday school that reaches, enlists and edifies every member of every church.

(4) In a Baptist Sunday school in reach of every person in the state, if possible.

(5) In the Sunday school in every church and community, every Sunday in the year.

(6) In a Sunday school manned by the best officers and teachers available.

(7) That a Sunday school institute should be held in the bounds of this Association at least once a year.

(8) That each Sunday school should have the organization necessary to its most effective work.

(9) That every Sunday school should bend every energy toward its supreme work of leading to Christ and building up in Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. GIBBS.

The report was discussed by J. M. Gibbs. The further consideration of this question was postponed until 10 o'clock Friday morning.

Rev. J. W. Watson read the report on State Missions.

STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission Board began its work seventy-seven years ago. The results amply justify the wisdom of our fathers in this great undertaking. Accurate statistics were not given by the missionaries until 1882, just twenty-five years ago.

From these statistics are gathered the following interesting figures:

Number baptized by our missionaries	31,179
Churches organized on mission fields	787
Houses of worship built on mission fields	735
Amount paid for building houses on mission fields	$156,313 08
Sunday schools organized by missionaries	873

There are in the state 1,821 Missionary Baptist churches Seven hundred and eighty-seven—three sevenths of these—were organized by the missionaries of the board within the last twenty-two years. It would be entirely safe to say that at least half the Baptist churces in North Carolina were organized by the missionaries of the board. It is no exaggeration to claim that two-thirds of the money that comes into the Lord's treasury for our general work comes from churches that were organized by or were beneficiaries of our board. Last year fifty-eight churches gave each one hundred dollars or over to Foreign Missions. Of these, forty-four are churches that have been aided by the board, leaving only fourteen that had not been aided Five churches gave last year $500 or more each to Foreign Missions, and every one of these was founded or fostered by the board. It will be seen by these facts that in the work of State Missions we have been laying the foundation for the enlargement of every department of our work.

As much as has been done, much remains to be done. A large area of rich, verdant soil remains untouched. There are five counties in the state with only one resident Baptist pastor to the county, and that one would not be there were he not supported in large measure by the board. There are four county seats in no one of which is there a Baptist church or a Baptist preacher. Many towns are yet unoccupied, and are making urgent appeals to the board for help. Many of the towns which the board aided in establishing the first church are now asking help for one or more mission points. This is due to the rapid growth of many of our towns.

A great door of opportunity stands before the Baptists of North Carolina, and State Missions is the key that can unlock that door. A dollar put in State Missions at many points to-day will be worth as much as ten dollars will be ten years from now.

Let us increase our contributions to State Missions!

J. W. Watson.

The report was discussed by Secretary L. Johnson. Song by congregation, Dr. Hall leading. A cash collection of $13.50 was taken. Report adopted, and pledges taken. Delegates were ordered to have their churches take a special collection for State Missions, and raise pledges in addition, if possible, before the Convention.

After announcements the Association adjourned for one hour.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at time appointed; opened with song; called to order by Moderator.

The address on Orphanage was delivered by Bro. Kesler. Remarks by Dr. J. J. Hall. A cash collection of $13.50 and pledges were taken. Delegates were ordered to have their Sunday schools to take up one collection each month for Orphanage. Adopted. Song, "Stand up for Jesus."

The report on Temperance was read by J. M. Gibbs.

TEMPERANCE.

We rejoice at the growth of the temperance cause in the bounds of the Old North State. During the past year several wet counties have met the issue and decided for prohibition. Over two-thirds of the counties in the state have shown their colors, and have succeeded in driving the demon Drink from their bounds. There are now just thirty counties where the liquor element predominates. The trouble with most of these counties is to be found in the cities The territories contiguous to the cities possibly would favor prohibition, but on account of the larger number of inhabitants in the cities they vote it on the adjoining territories. The city is the strategic point. Here is where the battle is to be fought and the victory won, or a defeat suffered. We can never drive liquor from such strongholds as Wilmington, Salisbury and other cities in our state, only by making prohibition a state issue. Therefore, because of this fact, we favor State Prohibition as the best method of solving the liquor problem. The Anti-Saloon League is doing a work of which North Carolina should be justly proud. John A. Oates, editor of the North Carolina Baptist, our own countyman, is chairman of this League. He has been tried and ever found to be true. He has stood as a watchman on the walls of Zion for a number of years, and has spoken for the cause so near to his heart in no uncertain sound. In the words of Lowell let us say that "Once to every tribe and nation comes a moment to decide in the strife for truth and falsehood, for the good or evil side." May God help the Baptists of North Carolina to decide for the good side—State Prohibition. We have reached Kadesh-Barnea. Let us not falter, but go over and possess the land, for we are well able to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. GIBBS.

The report was discussed by John A. Oates and E. G. Johnson, and adopted.

The report on Periodicals was read by John A. Oates, from the minutes of 1906.

PERIODICALS.

We appreciate the value of the printed page in the dissemination of knowledge and the fostering and fixing of truth in the minds of the people. The newspaper, and tractlect, and book do their work quietly and surely in the home where the teacher and preacher cannot always go. The progress and prosperity of our work depend upon the keeping before the people constantly the need of the work.

Our newspapers are the chief agencies in bringing to the attention of the people the need of the work of the foreign fields, and of our Southland with its varied and growing industries, and of North Carolina with its wonderful progress, and of our educational and benevolent institutions

As the people know of these objects they are impelled to appreciate and support them. The Baptist who does not know about our great denominational work is limited in his spiritual horiozon, and limits his sympathies and gifts to the sphere of his own knowledge. The non-reading church is a non-prosperous church, giving little to further the gospel of Jesus Christ. Every Baptist ought to read a Baptist paper. He is not feeding his spiritual nature as he should unless he does thus keep in touch with the needs of a lost world. North Carolina is wonderfully blessed in its Baptist literature The Biblical Recorder, the North Carolina Baptist, and Charity and Children are all growing and progressing and worthy of your best patronage, We urge you, brethren, to keep a Baptist paper in your home. Its mission there is to strengthen, and enthuse, and comfort. Keep out the bad literature, with its manifold and seductive capacity for evil, and put in your home papers that defend righteousness and point the way to everlasting life. We also recommend the Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field.

Remarks were made by brothers Oates, Farmer and Kesler.

The next session of the Association was located with Bladen Union church.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Delegates to the State Convention are as follows: Brethren J. M. Gibbs, D. E. Beard and J. P. Thames.

Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention—H. B. Dowining.

Executive Board—Brethren W. S. Johnson, J. P. Thames, M. J. Barker, H. B. Downing, D. E. Melvin. D. J. Smith, P. P. David.

The appointee being absent, Rev. W. A. Humphrey was appointed to preach the Missionary sermon on Friday morning.

Letters from Lebanon and Sharon were read and delegates enrolled.

The Association adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises by H. B. Downing reading 23rd Psalm. The body called to order by the Moderator. The minutes read and approved.

The report on Associational Missions was read by W. S. Johnson.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We beg leave to report the following: We have kept Bro. D. B. Humphrey at Manchester. He reports the outlook favorable. Bro. J. M. Gibbs at Union Springs. We are very much encourged in regard to these churches, as the people are moving in to operate the cotton mills. Brother W. R. Johnson at Cedar Falls. Let us help to give the Gospel to these weak churches, and hope and pray for them.

Respecfully, W. S. Johnson, Chmn.

The report was disucssed by W. S. Johnson, J. M. Gibbs and W. R. Johnson. The Missionary sermon was preached by W.A.Humprhrey; text,1 John 4:9-10. Report adopted and pledges taken. The Association adjourned for one hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body reassembled at the appointed time. Opened with song and prayer. Bro. W. A. Humphrey delivered the address on Education. The report on Home Missions was read by J. M. Gibbs.

HOME MISSIONS REPORT.

"America is but another name for opportunity." This statement, by one of America's greatest sons, applies to our missionary enterprises in the United States at large, and especially to this great Southland of ours. We are living to-day in the greatest era in the history of our Southern Baptist Convention. Our forefathers toiled and labored, and we have entered into their labors. Herein is that saying true, "One soweth, and another reapeth." The harvest gathered in the fields of the past is to be brought home for the use of the present. By virtue of what our heroic leaders have done in the past we have thrust upon us the supreme opportunity of our denominational life. The past, with all of its great achievements, has conspired to bring us to the mighty present and to the sovereign moment in our denominational life and history. Home Missions lie at the base of all our co-operative work The Home Missionaries are organizing congregations every year which begin from their birth to support Foreign Missions, Church Extension, Ministerial Relief, Benevolence, and every form of Gospel aggressivenes. It is economy, business sense, wisdom, foresight, sagacity to increase the fountain of supply by increasing the offerings for American evangelization. The numerous foreign immigrants now flowing into our country are a most portentous national peril. More than a million a year, many of them the off-scouring of the earth, are coming to our shores. The per cent of foreign immigrants in our great centres is 80 to 90 per cent. This applies not only to New York, Chicago and other Northern and Western cities, but to our own Southland as well—Baltimore, New Orleans and St. Louis. Heathenism, with all its ignorance and superstition, is found on our own Southern soil. We must meet this great influx with the Gospel of Christ, and fight the great battle with the powers of unrighteousness that shall forever seat Christianinity on her rightful throne.

Respectfully submitted,

R. N. CASHWELL.

The report was discussed by W. A. Humphrey, and adopted. Pledges were taken.

The minute fund was supplemented with a collection.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be extended to Mt. Pisgah church and the surrounding country for the hospitable way they have entertained this body.

The Clerk was allowed $10 for his services.

After singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," the Association adjourned, to meet with the Bladen Union church, Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1908. Benediction by Moderator.

REV. W. R. JOHNSON,
Moderator.

G. B. SESSOMS,
Clerk.

LADIES' ANNUAL MISSIONARY MEETING

Auxiliary to the Cedar Creek Association

This body met in its fifth annual session, October the 17th, 1907. The meeting was called to order by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. J. J. Hall. An address on the Orphange was given by Rev. M. L. Kesler. The roll of churches was called, and the following Societies responded: Cedar Creek, Rockfish, Bladen Union, and Hope Mills. These Societies were represented as follows:

Cedar Creek—Mrs. H. B. Downing, Mrs. G.W. Jackson, and Miss Allie West.

Rockfish—Mrs. Mattie Brown, Mrs. Maggie Ellis and Miss B. Cameron.

Hope Mills—Mrs. Jno. McKennie, Misses Stella Byrne and Julia Fisher.

Bladen Union—Mrs. Davis.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

	Home Mss'ns	State Mss'ns	For. Mss'ns	Orph	Other Objcs	Total
Cedar Creek	4.85	——	10 .85	7.50	15.75	38.95
Rockfish	6.80	15.65	7.00	——	5.00	34.45
Hope Miils	—	7.70	6.50	20.41	—	34.61

The meeting adjourned to meet with the Bladen Union Baptist church, Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1908.

MRS. D. C. ROGERS,
President Gertrude Fisher Society.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptisms	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Male	Female	Total
Beaver Dam	28	2	5	11	1	1	55	76	131
Bladen Union	10	6	1	5	1	......	67	89	156
Cape Fear	8	9	......	2	......	1	36	40	76
Cedar Creek	3	....	1	7	......	6	86	157	243
Cumberland Union	2	3	1	9	......	1	32	36	68
Green Springs	11	7	1	3	6	2	57	108	165
Great Marsh	6	1	6	1	7	5	90	102	192
Hope Mills	3	5	1	9	1	......	38	92	130
Judson	8	1	......	20	......	2	49	82	131
Lebanon	6	1	......	2	......	2	31	51	82
Manchester	....	....	......	2	1	......	4	9	13
Mt. Pisgah	....	1	13	....	......	1	53	63	116
Mt. Gilead	15	4	......	5	......	4	53	57	110
Massey Hill	10	14	1	10	2	......	57	117	174
Rockfish	35	10	3	10	6	1	50	119	169
Rozier	6	1	3	1	3	1	25	37	62
Shiloh	15	1	4	....	1	1	39	50	89
Sharon	14	6	1	3	4	3	41	70	111
Tabernacle	9	1	......	....	7	......	22	23	45
Union Springs	3	6	......	....	......	......	6	18	24
Evergreen	....	....	......	....	......	......	....	....	....
Cedar Falls	....	....	......	....	......	......	....	....	....

PASTORS' AND CLERKS' DIRECTORY

CHURCHES.	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE	Time of Preaching Sunday
Beaver Dam	W. R. Johnson ✓	Cedar Creek	J. A. Hall	Autryville	2nd
Bladen Union	J. M. Gibbs ✓	Cotton	P. A. Holland	Willis Creek	1st
Cape Fear	M. A. Stephens ✓	Lumberton	R. L. Butler	Alderman	3rd
Cedar Creek	J. A. Smith ✓	Wilmington	G. F. Wheeler	Cedar Creek	2nd
Cumberland Union	J. A. Smith ✓	Wilmington	R. N. Hall	Cedar Creek	1st
Green Springs	T. J. Baker ✓	Parkton	R. L. Braxton	Hope Mills	3rd
Great Marsh	T. J Baker ✓	Parkton	B. H. Johnson	Rennert	4th
Hope Mills	T. J. Baker ✓	Parkton 7	P. Fisher	Hope Mills	
Judson	W. A Humphrey ✓	Fayetteville	G. B. Sessoms	Fayetteville	
Lebanon	W. A. Humphrey ✓	Fayetteville	C. S. Beard	Fayetteville	3rd
Manchester	D. B. Humphrey ✓	Parkton	R. P. Howard	Manchester	4th
Mt Pisgah	R. N. Cashwell ✓	Parkton	J. H. Clark	Fayetteville	1st
Mt. Gilead	M. A. Stephens ✓	Lumberton	P. P. David	Hope Mills	1st
Masse Hill	J. M. Gibbs ✓	Cotton	A. J. Barrett	Fayetteville	2nd & 4th
Rockfish	J. W. Watson	Cotton	D. C. Rogers	Fayetteville	
Rozler	R. L. Byrd ✓	Tolarsville	S P Willis	Lumberton	2nd
Shiloh	P T. Britt ✓	Orum	W, A. Seawell	White Oak	3rd
Sharon	P. T. Britt ✓	Orum	D. B. Beard	Cedar Creek	3rd
Tabernacle	D. B. Humphrey ✓	Parkton	W. S. Townsend	Rockfish	3rd
Union Springs	J. M. Gibbs ✓	Cotton	Albert Smith	Cumberland	4th
Evergreen					
Cedar Falls					

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Enrollment	Months Open	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.	PRESIDENTS W. M. S.
Beaver Dam	84	12	J. A. Hall, Autryville	
Bladen Union	78	12	W. C. Riddle, Edonia	Mrs. J. L. Hollhnd, Willis' Creek
Cape Fear	54	12	T. A. Hall, Alderman	
Cedar Creek	122	12	H. B. Downing, Cedar Creek	Mrs Mary A. Downing, Cedar Creek
Cumberland Union		9	A. J. Bedsole, White Oak	
Green Springs	77	12	M. Cashwell	
Great Marsh	99	12	Joseph Allen, Rennert	
Hope Mills	175	12	D. W Trogden, Cotton	Mrs. J. W. McKenzie, Cotton
Judson	40	12	J. B. Sesssoms, Fayetteville	
Lebanon	59	12	J. C Beard, Fayetteville	
Manchester				
Mt. Pisgah	53	12	C. H. Ellis, Sherwood	
Mt. Gilead	55	12	C. S. Bennett, Fayetteville	
Massey Hill	144	12	J. A. Hair, Fayetteville	
Rockfish	166	12	D. C. Rogers. Hope Mills	Mr. J. W. Watson, Cotton
Rozier	82	12	R L. Baxley, St. Pauls	
Shiloh	25		T. J. Ellis, White Oak	
Sharon	77	12	Sion Horn, Tatum	
Tabernacle	54	12	J. R. Capps, Rockfish	
Union Springs	66	12	R. L. Clifton, Hope Mills	
Evergreen				
Cedar Falls				

PLEDGES 1908						FINANCIAL TABLE														
Home Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Associational Missions	Orphanage	CHURCHES	Home Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Associationa Missions	Sunday Scho'l Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief	Minute Fund	Poor	Incidentals	Pastor's Salary	Other Objects	Improvements	S. School Expenses	Education
$	$	$	$15 00	$	Beaver Dam......	$ 2 00	$ 2 00	$ 2 00	$ 6 85	$	$ 2 00	$ 2 00	$ 0 52	$	$	$ 100 00	$ 4 00	$ 1 10	$ 5 00	$ ...
......	25 00	20 00	17 50	15 00	Bladen Union......	12 66	18 90	12 70	2 90	......	10 00	......	90	......	......	120 00	20 00	......	......	......
10 00	15 00	12 50	10 00	15 00	Cape Fear......	9 91	7 50	2 07	1 45	......	17 50	1 45	1 25	......	......	125 00	20 00	6 60	33 61	2 76
10 00	25 00	25 00	10 00	15 00	Cedar Creek......	6 00	10 00	17 15	7 26	......	9 59	1 70	1 70	6 27	25 00	150 00	62 00	......	......	......
......	7 50	12 50	5 00	10 00	Cumberland Union..	5 00	5 06	10 18	5 80	......	11 00	......	40	......	......	180 00	......	......	......	......
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MINUTES

OF THE

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CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Cedar Creek Baptist Association.

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Article 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it. each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches in this Association

Article 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually choson by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of tie.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distributing of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

Article 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

Article 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an Annual Session of this body, through the delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Article 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

Article 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates, except that of voting.

Article 13. The Annual Session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the 3rd Sabbath in October, at such a place as the Association may select.

Article 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an Introductory and a Missionary sermon.

Article 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

PROGRAMME.

WEDNESDAY.

11:00 a. m., Introductory Sermon—T. J. Baker
1:30 p. m., Organizing.
Home Missions—J. L. Holland
Education—Z. B. Newton

THURSDAY.

Temperance—R. L. Byrd
Periodicals—R. N. Cashwell
State Missions—D. C. Rogers
Foreign Missions—D. E. Beard
Orphanage—W. A. Humphrey.

FRIDAY.

Sunday Schools—W. O. Johnson
Location of the next Association
Missionary Sermon—Dr. J. J. Hall
Associat'l Missions—J. P. Thames
Reports of Committees.

H. B. Downing,
R. N. Cashwell, } Committee.

List of Delegates.

Beaver Dam—E. S. Smith, J. A. Hall, P. P. Horn.
Bladen Union—J. L. Holland, Daniel Tyson, J. C. Willis.
Cape Fear—H. Jones, J. R. Smith, J. P. Thames.
Cedar Creek—H. B. Downing, C. A. Downing, McK. Johnson.
Cumberland Union—Amos Bedsole, M. G. Hair.
Green Springs—W. S. Bramble, M. A. Canady, N. A. McMillan.
Great Marsh—G. M. D. Howard, E. G. Johnson, G. F. Humphrey.
Hope Mills—T. P. Hulon, R. C. Melvin, Pritchard Fisher.
Judson—G. B. Sessoms.
Lebanon—D. J. Smith.
Manchester— ———
Mt. Pisgah—C. H. Ellis, John Clark, E. E. Hall.
Mt. Gilead—C. J. Cain, C. S. Bennett, D. W. Johnson.
Massey Hill—J. O. Tew, M. H. Smith.
Rockfish—J. W. Fisher, R. L. Fisher, J. Johnson, Jr.
Shiloh—D. E. Melvin, H. W. Bedsole, W. A. Seawell.
Rozier—E. J. Biggs, W. R. White, S. O. Willis,
Sharon—D. M. Beard, D. E. Beard, T. C. Davis.
Union Springs—Chas. Dean, Albert Smith.
Evergreen— ———
Cedar Falls— ———
Tabernacle—Letter from Tabernacle received after adjournment.
Godwin—W. J. Olive.

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Ladies' Annual Missionary Meeting.

This body met in its Sixth Annual Session October 15th, 1908.

The following churches were represented:—Hope Mills, Cedar Creek, Rockfish, Cape Fear, Bladen Union.

The next session will meet with Rockfish Baptist Church (Hope Mills. No. 1) the first Sunday in October 1909.

Mrs. D. C. Rogers, President.

Mrs. G. T. Rackley, Secretary.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR.

	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Other Objects.
Hope Mills,	$ 6.35	$ 9.65	$ 5.75	$32.35	------
Cedar Creek,	10.10	3 21	13.80	15.00	$ 1.20
Rockfish,	13.50	14.40	13.35	6.00	25.00
Cape Fear,	------	7.60	10.05	5.00	1.47
Bladen Union	------	------	9.00	13.00	5 00
Union Springs	------	------	------	------	1.25

STATISTICS.

	No. Members.	President.	Post Office.
Hope Mills	18	Mrs. J. A. McKinnon.	Cotton.
Cedar Creek	45	Mrs. H. B. Downing,	Cedar Creek.
Rockfish	13	Mrs. D. C. Rogers,	Hope Mills
Cape Fear	22	Mrs. G. T. Rackley,	Fayetteville, R F. D. 8.
Bladen Union	23	Mrs. Frank Davis,	" " "
Union Springs	6	Miss Catherine West,	Cumberland.

Ordained Ministers.

W. R. Johnson	Cedar Creek	J. M. Gibbs	Cotton
R. N. Cashwell	Parkton	J. O. Tew	Fayetteville

Executive Board.

J. P. Thames, R. F. D. No. 8	Fayetteville
H. B. Downing	Cedar Creek
D. E. Melvin, R. F. D. No. 1	White Oak
D. J. Smith	Fayetteville
J. L. Holland, R. R. D. No. 8	Fayetteville
C. S. Bennett	Hope Mills
D. C. Rogers	Hope Mills

PROCEEDINGS.

BLADEN UNION BAPTIST CHURCH,
Bladen County, Oct. 14, 1908.

The Cedar Creek Baptist Association met in its 51st annual session at 11 o'clock a. m. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. O. Johnson; subject: "Three Classes of Christians."

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at the appointed time.

The Moderator being absent, the house was called to order by the Clerk. Bro. W. S. Johnson was elected Moderator protem. The roll of churches was called and 14 responded.

Letters were read, delegates enrolled and petitionary letters tabled.

The following officers were elected by acclamation: Rev. W. S. Johnson, Moderator; G. B. Sessoms, Clerk; J. P. Thames, Treasurer.

The following were appointed by the Moderator during the session: Reading Clerks, W. O. Johnson and P. V. Holland; Finance Committee, H. Jones and E. J. Biggs; Programme, H. B. Downing and R. N. Cashwell; to nominate delegates to the State Baptist Convention, W. O. Johnson, Heman Jones; to nominate delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, R. M. Tolar and G. M. D. Howard; to nominate Executive Board, J. O. Tew and J. L. Holland; Home Missions. J. W. Cobb; Periodicals, W. O. Johnson.

Welcome address by W. O. Johnson, responded to by the Moderator.

Visitors welcomed to seats by Moderator. Rev. J. W. Cobb, of the Robeson Association, made himself known.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We find in Matthew 28:19-20, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world!

We see then that the command is world-wide and includes all nations, tribes and tongues, and reaches to the end of the world, and find that it is our duty to give the gospel to those that have it not.

Never before has the call been so great. With the doors of all nations thrown open, shall we fail to grasp the opportunity, for the field is white unto the harvest. Let us give of our means and pray the

Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers unto the harvest until every nation, tribe and tongue shall crown Him Lord of all.

Respectfully, D. E. MELVIN.

Spoken to by D. E. Melvin, G. H. Johnson, H. B. Downing, J. W. Cobb, J. L. Holland.

On motion, the Association will make an effort to raise next year 25 cents per capita for foreign missions.

The Association adjourned to meet Thursday morning at 9:30.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Reassembled at the appointed time. Opened with song. Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. H. B. Downing. House called to order by the Moderator. Minutes of Wednesday read and approved.

Roll of churches called, letters read and delegates enrolled. Visitors welcomed to seats by the Moderator. Brethren E. L. Middleton, M. L. Kesler, S. G. Cobb and W. B. Loving responded to the invitation:

Address on Sunday Schools by E. L. Middleton, Sunday School Field Secretary.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We appreciate the address on the Sunday School work by Bro. Middleton. It should stimulate our minds and souls to make greater efforts to advance the S. S. interest, which for many years has been the great recruiting station for the churches. We venture to say that 93 per cent. of the additions to our churches in this Association comes from the Sunday School—some churthes 97 per cent.

This is encouraging. Then how great the importance for more earnest and better work in the Sunday Schools.

1. We heartily recommend that rally days be held in each Sunday School.
2. We recommend that a committee be appointed to see that every church in the Association have an evergreen Sunday School and also to get new Schools organized wherever practicable.
3. That we make more strenuous efforts to get everyone around us to attend.
4. That every S. S. take special collection for the orphans each month and that pledges for missions be made by the same.

D. C. RCGERS.

Report adopted.

Rev. M. L. Kesler delivered the address on the Orphanage. Cash collection $12.31.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

During the twenty-three years of its existence the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage has sheltered near one thousand helpless children. They now have 385, the largest number we have ever had. The expense of living does not grow less, and with an increasing number their needs cannot be supplied by contributions "same as last year."

During the year the Noah Richardson Library has been completed and the new Infirmary (woman's building) is nearing completion. Many minor improvements have been made, yet larger equipment is needed. We earnestly suggest the following:

1. That a collection be taken in every Sunday School once a month; 2, That a club of Charity and Children be taken in every school if possible; 3, That Thanksgiving be observed in every church and that collection be taken for the Orphanage. In case Thanksgiving day cannot be observed in some of the churches, we suggest that the Sunday nearest to it be selected for that purpose.

M. L. Kesler, for Committee

Adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourned for dinner.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 1:45 o'clock. The house was called to order by the Moderator.

On motion, the name of the Association was changed from "Cedar Creek" to "the Cumberland Association," and this session to be called the last session of the Cedar Creek Association.

Letters of dismission were given Great Marsh and Rozier churches to unite with the Robeson Association.

The following committee was appointed to attend the South River Association and inform them of the change made in the Cedar Creek Association: Brethren H. B. Downing and R. N. Cashwell.

The doors of the Association were opened: Godwin Church joined this body and the delegates were given the right hand of fellowship.

The following report was read by Rev. W. S. Johnson from Minutes of 1907:

STATE MISSIONS

The State Mission Board began its work seventy-seven years ago. The results amply justify the wisdom of our fathers in this great undertaking. Accurate statistics were not given by the missionaries until 1882, just twenty-five years ago. From these statistics are gathered the following interesting figures:

Number baptized by our missionaries	31,179
Churches organized on mission fields	787
Houses of worship built on mission fiels	735
Am't paid for building houses on mission fields	$156.313 08
Sunday schools organized by missionaries	873

There are in the State 1,821 Missionary Baptist churches. Seven hundred and eighty-seven—three-sevenths of these—were organized by the missionaries of the board within the last twenty-two years. It would be entirely safe to say that at least half the Baptist churches in North Carolina were organized by the missionaries of the board. It is no exageration to claim that two-thirds of the money that comes into the Lord's treasury for our general work comes from churches that were organized by or were beneficiaries of our board. Last year fifty-eight churches gave each one hundred dollars or over to Foreign Missions. Of these, forty-four are churches that have been aided by the board, leaving only fourteen that had not been aided. Five churches gave last year $500 or more each to Foreign Missions, and every one of these was founded or fostered by the board. It will be seen by these facts that in the work of State Missions we have been laying the foundation for the enlargement of every department of our work.

As much as has been done, much remains to be done. A large area of rich, verdant soil remains untouched. There are five counties in the State with only one resident Baptist pastor to the county, and that one would not be there were he not supported in large measure by the board. There are four county seats in no one of which is there a Baptist church or a Baptist preacher. Many towns are yet unoccupied, and are making urgent appeals to the board for help. Many of the towns in which the board aided in establishing the first church are now asking help for one or more mission points. This is due to the rapid growth of many of our towns.

A great door of opportunity stands before the Baptists of North Carolina, and State Missions is the key that can unlock that door. A dollar put in State Missions at many points to-day will be worth as much as ten dollars will be ten years from now.

Let us increase our contributions to State Missions!

Address by Rev. E. L. Middleton. Report adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We beg to report the following:

We have supplied at three weak churches: Rev. D. B. Humphrey, Rev. J. M. Gibbs and Rev. W. R. Johnson. Reports from Brother Humphrey, at Manchester, not encouraging, slow progress; Bro, Gibbs, at Union Springs, has some encouragement, 4 additions by baptism; at Cedar Falls Bro. Johnson has not had much encouragement.

There will be a debt of $50.83 after the cash that is on hand has been paid over. Brethren, we beg you to come to our rescue.

Respectfully, W. S. Johnson, Chm'n.

Discussed by Rev. G. H. Johnson and William Butler. Collection of $8.75 was taken for Associational Missions.

The Executive Board is as follows: J. P. Thames, H. B. Downing, D. E. Melvin, D. J. Smith, J. L. Holland C. S. Bennett and D. C. Rogers.

The committee appointed to confer with the South River Association are authorized to make any necessary changes in the Executive Board.

Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention: J. O. Tew and W. O. Johnson; to the State Convention; H. B. Downing, J. O. Tew, D. C. Rogers, P. V. Holland.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is with deep gratitude that we note the increased interest along educational lines.

Our people are waking up to the fact that without the aid of an all-around education our sons and our daughters cannot attain the high plane of perfected service which our country, our State and our fellowman will in the future demand at their hands.

This all-around education can be attained, at its best, only in our denominational institutions. We would therefore urge the importance of patronizing our own institutions.

1. We desire to recommend the great work being done by our Assocional schools and other institutions under Baptist management.
2. We wish to recommend Wake Forest College, which stands, as it has stood for more than 70 years, for Baptist interests. We also recommend "The Baptist University" for our girls,

R. L. Byrd, for Committee.

Discussed by W. O. Johnson. Adopted.

The Association now adjourned to meet Friday morning at 9:30.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 9:30 o'clock and opened with song. Devotional services conducted by Rev. W. A. Humphrey. The house was called to order by the Moderator. Minutes read and approved.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We appreciate the great progress that has been made for freeing our State from the slave-holder Drink during the past several years. From the fight against whiskey of a few men of backbone and unyielding principle came first local option, then State prohibition. Town after town and county after county passed prohibition laws, and last year Rev. J. M. Gibbs, in his report on temperance, stated that over two-thirds of the counties of this State had driven whiskey from within their bounds. This time we are glad to say that the temperance cause, which was fought so hard and ceaselessly at first by the big majority, has so grown in strength and favor that to-day, as a result of the faith, prayers, lives and works of the Christian men and women, we have succeeded in securing State prohibition laws, and the last day in December next every county in the "Old North State" shall bid adieu once and, to be hoped, forever to the monster that stalked loose so long into so many happy homes, leaving them in sorrow, ruin and desolation.

But the work is not all done yet; the fighting must not cease here if we would achieve a complete victory and hold the kingdom free from the destruction of the army of drink. The devil has been described as "a very industrious fellow." He is going to do his utmost to work, and if he can't get representatives to work for him in the sunlight he will try to work them in moonlight and dense darkness. Then let's rise up in our might for this Godly cause and fight the illicit distilleries to the death, and pray, talk, work and fight against the laws of our country which allow the distillers of other sections to ship the accursed stuff into dry territories.

Respectfully submitted, Geo. H. Johnson.

Spoken to by Rev. J. O. Tew W. O. Johnson, W. S. Johnson and C. McK. Johnson. Adopted.

Report of Lady's Missionary Society read and adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

In our age every interest has its organ and the men of every profession avail themselves of the opportunity of reading their own literature. This is reasonable because a man can be made efficient in his profession only when he knows for what his profession stands.

"Where your treasure is there will your heart be also." We as Baptists should read Baptist literature in order to know what we stand for and to appreciate what we are doing and what our duty is.

It is our opinion that some good paper should be in every home, and to our people we recommend the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children and the Foreign Mission Journal. Through our newspapers we are able to get a broader view of missions in the foreign and home fields and of what we are accomplishing along these lines. The churches and people who do not know the needs will not respond to the call of "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

About seventy years ago there were 15,000 each of Primitive and Missionary Baptists. The latter organized a paper and a college and to-day have 205,000, or seven times as many. The former did neither and to-day have 10,000, or only two-thirds as many. Let us contribute a part of the increase to the dissemination of knowledge through our literature. Respectfully submitted, W. O. JOHNSON.

Remarks by Rev. W. O. Johnson, J. L. Holland, —— Tolar and Rev. R. N. Cashwell. Report adopted.

Missionary sermon by Rev. W. A. Humphrey from the 2nd chapter of James. Collection of $7.16 for Associational Missions.

The Association adjourned for one hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened with song and prayer. The house called to order by the Moderator.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

It has been the constant purpose of the Home Mission Board to give ample and thorough supervision of this department of our work, and while much has been done much more still remains to be done.

We are thankful to God for the great membership of the Baptists in our Southland and deem it the duty of the Cedar Creek Association to impress upon its members the urgent need for funds to carry on this great work. The frontier work and work amongst the Negroes call for enlarged contributions by our churches.

The schools in the mountains of Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina still need enlargement and support.

Therefore, instead of our work growing less it daily enlarges.

Your Committee would recommend that the churches of this Association increase their pledges to this object.

Respectfully submitted. J. W. COBB.

The clerk was allowed $10 for his services.

The Association then adjourned to meet with the Cedar Creek Church Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1908. Song: "Bless be the Tie that Binds." Dismissed by Rev. E. O. Johnson.

W. S. JOHNSON, Moderator.

G. B. SESSOMS, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptisms	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Male	Female	Total
Beaver Dam	......	......	......	......	3	3	53	75	128
Bladen Union	......	......	1	2	4	2	60	83	143
Cape Fear	5	1	......	1	......	1	39	45	84
Cedar Creek	18	6	......	4	......	7	94	161	254
Cumberland Union	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Green Springs	5	......	2	1	4	1	58	108	166
Great Marsh	2	5	......	5	2	2	91	109	200
Hope Mills	33	3	1	8	3	1	41	109	150
Judson	......	2	......	7	6	2	35	100	135
Lebanon	9	1	......	5	......	......	27	58	85
Manchester	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Mt. Pisgah	......	2	......	6	......	2	49	46	95
Mt. Gilead	11	......	......	6	1	2	49	53	102
Massey Hill	12	10	......	6	2	5	51	112	163
Rockfish	......	6	2	13	6	4	50	104	154
Rozier	......	......	......	3	1	1	24	31	58
Shiloh	2	......	......	2	2	3	39	52	92
Sharon	3	3	2	1	2	1	45	71	116
Tabernacle	......	......	......	1	6	1	17	21	28
Union Springs	3	1	1	2	......	......	6	19	25
Evergreen	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Cedar Falls	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Godwin	......	......	......	......	......	......	12	9	21

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Officers and Tea's	Scholars	Total	Average Attend'e	Sunday School Superintendents	Secretaries
eaver Dam	6	75	81	50	J. A. Hall, Autryville.R.F.D. 2	Alex. Hales, Roseboro.
laden Union	8	65	73	41	W. C. Riddle, Parkton - . -	P. A. Holland, Willis' Creek.
ape Fear	7	37	43	24	Z. A. Hall, Fayettev'e, R F.D. 8	J. P. Thames, Fay'lle, R.F.D. 8
edar Creek	15	130	145	58	H. B. Downing, Cedar Creek -	J. Mc. Anderson, Cedar Creek
umberland Union	......	......	......	......		
reen Springs	7	62	69	40	M. Cashwell, Hope Mills -	A. A. Stephens, Hope Mills.
reat Marsh	10	131	141	73	B. H. Johnson, Rennert - - -	G. D. Johnson, Rennert.
ope Mills	14	163	81	98	D. W. Trogdon, Cotton - - -	W. W. Wallace, Hope Mills.
udson	6	38	44	20	G. B. Sessoms, Fayetteville -	Hattie Olphin, Fayetteville.
ebanon	8	50	58	25	J. C. Beard, Fayetteville - -	
anchester	......	......	......	......		
t Pisgah	8	44	52	25	C. H. Ellis, Fayettev'e,R.F.D.8	
t. Gilead	6	45	51	35	C. S. Bennett, Fayetteville - -	H. M. Filyaw, Fayetteville.
assey Hill	13	325	......	175	J. A. Hair, Fayetteville - -	B. A. Simmons, Fayetteville.
ockfish	13	153	166	85	D. C. Rogers, Hope Mills - -	Lee G. McIver, Hope Mills.
ozier	6	94	100	......	E. J. Biggs, Rennert - - -	
hiloh	7	60	67	40	W. A. Seawell, White Oak - -	Carnie Ellis, White Oak.
haron	6	40	46	25	Sion Horn, Cedar Creek - -	Pearl Beard, Cedar Creek.
abernacle	5	15	20	15	W. A. West, Rockfish - - -	Ward Andrews, Rockfish.
nion Springs	7	13	38	28	R. L. Clifton, Hope Mills - -	J. W. Brewer, Cumberland.
vergreen	......	......	......	......		
edar Falls	......	......	......	......		
odwin	......	......	......	......	W. J. Olive, Wade - - -	

PLEDGES FOR 1909					CHURCHES.	FINANCIAL TABLE													
Home Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Associati'l Missions	Orphanage		Home Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Associational Missions	Sunday Sch'l Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief	Poor.	Incidentals.	Minute Fund	Pastor's Salary	S. S. Expenses	Improvem'ts.	Other Objects
$........	$........	The pledge for Foreign Missions is 25 cents per capita.	$15 00	$........	Beaver Dam........	$........	$ 2 00	$........	$10 21	$........	$ 2 95	$........	$........	....	$ 1 00	$........	$ 4 00	$........	$........
....	25 00		17 50	15 00	Bladen Union	13 02	13 00	20 00	8 93	....	16 42	1 56	5 00	....	1 20	100 00	21 56	....	22 38
10 00	15 00		10 00	15 00	Cape Fear...........	7 35	15 89	19 70	10 36	....	12 63	....	....	....	1 75	120 00	12 83	153 40	20 00
10 00	25 00		10 00	15 00	Cedar Creek	21 22	14 21	21 16	8 64	....	52 45	4 50	77 36	....	3 50	195 00	14 83	....	58 61
....	7 50		5 00	10 00	Cumberland........	....	....	3 57	1 80	....	....	....	....	....	1 25	....	....	....	....
....	20 00		....	15 00	Green Springs.....	5 00	20 00	17 50	3 58	....	20 00	....	....	....	2 55	100 00	5 00	50 00	....
....	....		....	....	Great Marsh........	10 00	20 00	50 00	10 00	....	48 97	8 23	4 21	6 00	2 75	108 05	8 61	....	33 60
7 00	15 00		10 00	25 00	Hope Mills	7 00	15 00	25 00	10 00	....	57 85	....	....	....	....	125 00	62 87	1 75	92 54
5 00	10 00		5 00	5 00	Judson......	6 87	3 80	5 50	3 19	....	3 60	....	....	5 00	80	100 00	5 00	....	....
5 00	10 00		5 00	5 00	Lebanon	10 58	7 63	2 00	14 64	4 65	3 06	....	....	....	80	100 00	5 18	....	....
....	....		....	....	Manchester.........	....	....	1 00	1 50	....	....	....	....	....	....	18 34	....	....	....
7 00	8 00		5 00	7 50	Mt. Pisgah.........	5 87	5 69	5 67	....	....	8 15	....	....	....	....	75 00	7 19	....	....
10 00	15 00		5 00	15 00	Mt. Gilead	3 50	11 02	11 33	2 70	....	13 45	....	....	....	1 00	175 00	....	42 79	29 60
7 00	15 00		5 00	15 00	Massey Hill.........	2 70	10 00	10 00	4 60	....	....	....	....	44 10	2 00	200 00	50 83	....	20 00
....	15 00		....	40 00	Rockfish	26 50	20 40	27 85	5 25	....	48 25	....	....	12 62	2 25	76 00	40 00	195 00	94 30
....	....		....	....	Rozier	10 00	14 25	14 90	7 15	....	5 00	1 75	....	....	....	100 00	3 07	....	27 00
5 00	5 00		5 00	5 00	Shiloh.................	....	2 25	5 35	4 87	....	5 64	....	....	....	1 00	75 00	1 44	....	....
10 00	....		5 00	10 00	Sharon	5 00	5 00	10 00	5 59	....	10 01	5 60	....	....	2 00	125 00	11 3	....	17 60
1 00	5 00		....	2 50	Tabernacle	75	4 83	1 00	4 00	....	2 50	....	....	25 38	1 00	50 00	....	5 38	....
2 00	....		10 00	....	Union Springs.....	....	....	....	12 24	....	....	....	....	4 00	45	37 50	16 96	45 45	....
50	....		....	....	Evergreen	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
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